

BALLINAMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Ballinamore Masses : Mon 9am Mon & Wed 7pm, Tue Thurs & Fri 9am, Sat 11am & 7pm Vigil Sun.11.30am.

Aughnasheelin Masses: Tues 7:30 Wed 9am , Fri 8pm Sun. 10am.

Mass intentions for the week:

Sat 30 th Jan 7pm	John Thomas & Anna Quinn, Drumlonan Seán Flynn, Ardrum (Months Memory) Tess Conway, St. Brigid's Street
Sun 31 st Jan 11:30	Patricia Dolphin, High Street, Dublin (Months Memory) Sonnie & Bridie Prior, Drumrane & deceased members of The Kelly Family of Odhill, Mohill
Mon 1 st Feb 9am	St. Brigid's Patron Saint of the Parish (Blessing of Crosses)
Mon 1 st Feb 7pm	St. Brigid's Patron Saint of the Parish (Blessing of Crosses)
Tues 2 nd Feb 9am	Feast of The Presentation. Mass with Blessing of Candles
Wed 3 rd Feb 7pm	St. Blaise. Blessing of the Throats
Thurs.4 th Feb.9am	People of the Parish
Sat 6 th Feb 10:30	Canon Michéal Kelly, Church Street
Sat 6 th Feb 7pm	John & Bridie Milton, Aghadark. Willie & Kate Sweeney, Drumnamore Tommy Clyne, Lahard
Sun 7 th Feb 11:30	People of The Parish

Recent Deaths We pray for (1) Kay O'Connor (née Gormley) Stroke on Trent & formerly of High Street. Sister of the late Joe Gormley. Funeral took place on Friday. (2) Gerda Novogrudzkaite of Ros Og whose funeral took place in Cavan on Thursday. (3) Deacon Damien Kivlehan whose funeral took place in Coothill on Friday. Our sympathies to their families

Confessions: Sat after 11am also before and after Sat 7pm mass , anytime on request.

Altar Servers

Team 6 Sun 31 st Jan & Sat 6 th Feb	Paul Moran, Kuba Kaminski, Mikey Reilly, Fiachra McGrath, Adam Kaminski
Team 1 Sun 7 th & Sat 13 th Feb	Seamus Wisley, Caillian Murphy, Danny O'Brien, Eoin Connaughton

Door Collectors

Sat 6 th & Sun 7 th Feb	Seamus McTague, Michael Gillan, PJ Duignan, Eugene Maxwell
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Ministers of the Word

Sat 6 th Feb 7pm	Erin Moran
Sun 7 th Feb 11:30	Tommy Moran

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat 6 th Feb 7pm	Brendan Sweeney, Tommy Moran, Bridie Cafferty
Sun 7 th Feb 11:30	Michael Duignan, Marian Sharpley, Peggy Ferguson

Congratulations: We welcome Joseph Austin Cafferty & Fiadh Flynn into our church community, as they received the sacrament of baptism. Congratulations to their parents.

Visiting of the sick this Thursday in Aughnasheelin & Friday in Ballinamore area.

Parish Notes

Year of Consecrated Life – There will be a special Mass in the Cathedral of SS. Patrick & Felim in Cavan this Sunday afternoon, 31 January 2016, at 3:00p.m. to mark the end of the Church's special Year of Consecrated Life. Bishop Leo O'Reilly will be the principal celebrant. All are welcome to attend, especially members of religious orders and the families of those who served and continue to serve as religious sisters and brothers in Ireland and overseas.

Looking for something new and worthwhile to do this Lent.

Why not try "Life in the Spirit Seminars" which commence in Aughnasheelin Church on Tuesday Feb 2nd and will continue for 7 consecutive Tuesdays. This is a programme similar to the very successful Alpha Course which concluded before Christmas. The evening will begin with Mass at 7.30pm in St. Marys Church Aughnasheelin with a guest speaker. Then we will make the short walk to the Community Hall where there will be discussion, prayer and tea. All are invited.

Feast of St Brigid: Monday is the Feast of St. Brigid, patron saint of our Parish. Crosses will be blessed at all the weekend and Monday masses. You are encouraged to make the pilgrimage to St. Brigid's Well. Leaflets for the stations available in the Church porch where you begin the pilgrimage.

Candlemas Day: Tuesday is the Feast of the Presentation or Candlemas Day. Candles for home or Church use will be blessed at the 9am mass in Ballinamore and at the 7.30pm Mass in Aughnasheelin. If you would like to donate candles for use in the church it would be much appreciated.

Feast of St Blaise : Wednesday is the feast of St. Blaise. If you wish to have your throat blessed, there will be an opportunity after the 9am morning mass in Aughnasheelin and the 7pm evening mass in Ballinamore.

Catholic Schools Week 2016 Jan 31st – Feb 6th The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is Catholic Schools: **Challenged to proclaim God's Mercy.** It is hoped that this theme will help contextualise the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis. During this Catholic Schools Week, we will explore with the children how they can be the face of God's mercy in our classrooms, the playground, our school, our families and our community

'Quiet Days for Busy People' Knock Shrine is holding a one-day retreat, called 'Quiet Days for Busy People', on February 6th. The day focuses on prayer with Scripture, reflection and spiritual renewal. It is an ideal day for individuals or small, parish groups. Retreat costs €30 and includes lunch at Knock House Hotel. Registration at 9.45am. The retreat will be repeated on March 5th. Booking required. Telephone (094) 93 88100 or email faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie. Visit www.knockshrine.ie/faithrenewal for more information.

Kilmore Priesthood Discernment Group will meet on Saturday the 6th of February at 12 noon in Butlersbridge. Men who are considering the priesthood are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Fr Johnnie Cusack on 071-9644050 or Fr Sean Maguire on 049-4365266.

Dates for your Diary: **Ash Wednesday:** Feb 10th: **Easter Sunday:** March 27th

First Confession : **Ballinamore Schools:** Thurs.Feb 25th at 7pm in St.Patrick's Church.
 Aughnasheelin School: Thurs.March 3rd At 7pm in St.Mary's Church

First Communion: **Ballinamore Schools:** Sat May 7th at 11am in St.Patrick's Church.
 Aughnasheelin School: Sun. April 24th at 10am in St.Mary's Church

The Priory Institute Theology matters! Join our great student community and study theology from home. Applications deadline 22nd Feb. Phone (01) 4048124 EMAIL: enquiries@prioryinstitute.com WED: www.prioryinstitute.ie

ATHLETIC CLUB Next Sunday, February 7th, after a lapse of a number of years the club hosts the Leitrim AAI Indoor Athletics Championships in the Sports Hall with entries from 1.30.p.m. There are events, including relays, for Under 9,10,11,12 and 14. New members can enroll at training on Tuesdays and Thursday at 6.00 p.m. Primary Schools Sportshall Athletics commence in Ballinamore on Thursday February 25th.

"Family Carers Ireland" will run the Palliative Care module as part of the QQI FETAC Level 5 Full Healthcare Award due to commence on 04/02/2015.. For further enquiries please contact the training unit on 0579370221"

Ballinamore Area Community Council are delighted to announce the launch of a new 6 day week Local Link Bus Service, linking Ballinamore with the daily train services in Dromod and Carrick on Shannon. The Community are invited to attend a Launch of the ***new Bus Service***, on Monday next 1st February at 8pm in our Hall next to the Ballinamore Sports Complex on the Swanlinbar Road. Light refreshments will be provided. Everyone welcome. Photographer from Observer will attend.

North West Hospice Church Gate Collection will be taken up In Ballinamore and all the surrounding churches on the week-end of 6 / 7 February. Please support this worthy cause.

Aughawillan Drama Troupe is proud to present "Mother Knows Best" a comedy by Jimmy Keary and directed by Brian Dolan in Aughawillan Hall, Co Leitrim. The smash hit three act comedy will be for four nights the 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th of February commencing at 8.30 sharp each night. There is no need to book and admission is €10.00. Please turn up early to avoid disappointment. Listen out for Aughawillan Drama on the community notices Shannon Side Northern Sound and like us on facebook at Aughawillan Drama

Mohill Enterprise Centre - Open Day Friday 5th February

Are you interested in business, new technology or personal growth? Then pop along to our Open Day on Friday 5th February. Doors open from 10am to 4pm and there will be loads of information, advice and new technology on hand. Meet with representatives from the Leitrim Enterprise Office, Leitrim Adult Education, MSLETB, LDC, Leitrim Arts Office, SOLAS and Mohill Computer Training. Tap into your creative potential with Leo Scarff from the SPARK program and observe a 3D printer in action during a FREE Fablab demonstration. Call 071 9632024 or email info@mct.ie to find out more

"INHFA Launch" The National Launch of the Irish Natura & Hill farmers Association will take place in Castlecourt Hotel Westport on Friday 5th February 2016 at 8pm. The event will start with a cheese and wine reception and followed by keynote speakers and official launch. This is an opportunity to see what this new Farming organisation has to offer, all members and interested parties are invited to attend.

A meeting of Ballinamore Womens Group takes place on Wednesday 3rd February in trathnona at 8pm. Plans for the coming year will be discussed at the meeting. All members are asked to attend.

Béal an Átha Móir Seán Ó hEislin Leitrim Supporters Club :The Leitrim Supporters club are running a bus to our first outing in the National League in Wexford on Sunday 31st January. The contact for this is Jerome Mc Weeney [0876370051](tel:0876370051)

SAFETALK TRAINING in the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre on Wednesday 10 February 2016 from 9:30a.m. to 1:00p.m. SAFETALK is a half day training programme that prepares participants to identify persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them to suicide first aid resources. These specific skills are called suicide alertness and are taught with the expectation that the person learning them will use them to help reduce suicide risk in their communities. Participants learn how to provide practical help to persons with thoughts of suicide in only a few hours. There is no cost for this training. For further information, please contact Emer Mulligan, Resource Officer for Suicide Prevention, HSE Cavan-Monaghan Mental Health Services, Carrickmacross Primary Care Centre, Donaghmoyn Road, Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan. Email: emer.mulligan@hse.ie Telephone: 086 1717563

Prayer to St. Brigid.

*You were a woman of peace. You brought harmony where there was conflict.
You brought light to the darkness. You brought hope to the downcast.
May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious,
And may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.
Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.
Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.
Strengthen what is weak within us. Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.
May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind ,body and spirit. Amen.*