

# **BALLINAMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**3<sup>rd</sup> April 2016 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter)**

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**Ballinamore Masses :** Mon & Wed 7pm, Tue Thurs & Fri 9am, Sat 12noon, ( Vigil) Sat 7pm, Sun. 11.30am.

**Aughnasheelin Masses:** Wed 9am, Fri 8pm , Sun. 10am.

## **Mass intentions for the week:**

Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 7pm	John, Mary & Pat Creamer, Castlerogy Packie & Phyllis Martin, St. Brigid's Street Michael & Brigid Kavanagh, Main Street
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 11:30	Mick & Jane Mahon, formerly St. Brigid's Street Peter & Frances McCartin, Tarmon Nuala Maloney, Church Street
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> April 12noon	Frank Heavey, Willowfield Rd & New York (Memorial Mass)
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> April 7pm	Mary Travers, Railway Rd Winnie McNamee, Church Street (Months Memory)
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> April 11:30	Sonnie McBrien, Cornawall

**Recent Deaths:** We pray for Sr. Margaret Reynolds M.M.M, Drogheda & late of Riversdale whose funeral took place in Drogheda on Wed 30<sup>th</sup> March, also Ellen Hassell (sister of Josephine Gilhooly) whose funeral took place in Bermuda. May they rest in peace. Our thought & prayers are with their families.

Memorial mass for Frank Heavey late of Ballinamore and New York will be on April 9th at 1200 noon in St Patricks Church Ballinamore. May he rest in peace.

## **Altar Servers**

Team 3 Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> & Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	Peter O'Connell, Seán Gartland, Michael McKiernan, Killian Maguire, TJ Quinn
Team 4 Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> & Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	Bernard Sweeney, Eoin Hamill, Brian Sweeney, Dylan Reynolds, Liam Reynolds

## **Door Collectors**

Sat 9th & Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Paddy McManus, Michael Dolan (Willowfield), Tom Gannon, Walter Sharpley
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## **Ministers of the Word**

Sat 9th April 7pm	Erin Moran.
Sun 10th April 11:30	Tommy Moran

## **Eucharistic Ministers**

Sat 9th April 7pm	Alice Costello, Francis Maguire, Raymond McHugh
Sun 10th April 11:30	Evelyn McHugh, Marian Sharpley, PJ McLoughlin

## **Notices**

### **Parish Annual Tax Rebate**

Statements for 2015 donations are being sent out to parishioners this week. Thank you to everyone who contributes toward the church through their weekly envelopes & other collections. The parish will be able to obtain a tax refund on donation of **over €250** that you made to the church for Weekly collection, and Dues, during the tax year Jan 2015 – Dec 2015. All those who qualify, have been sent a CHY 4 Cert and we would ask you to consider participating in this scheme. In order for the tax reclaim scheme to work we need you to sign and complete 'Annual Certificate for Designated Charities' (CHY 4 Cert) including your PPS number, and return it to the Parochial House Ballinamore as soon as possible. The Scheme is entirely confidential and enables the parish to reclaim, **at no cost to you**, taxation which you have already paid, thus increasing the value of your donation. The minimum qualifying amount is €250 & the rate has now changed to 31%. Therefore a Donation of €250 from a person paying tax attracts a repayment of €112. This year the scheme **includes Self-assessed and PAYE tax-payers**. We thank you for your co-operation & continued support.

## **Parish Pastoral Council.**

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council takes place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April in the Community Centre at 8:30pm, All members are asked to attend.

**Flower Arrangements in Church:** Please refrain from interfering with Floral Arrangements in the Church.

**Church Notice Boards:** Church Notice Boards are primarily for Parish and Community use. Those wishing to use them for individual use or Groups outside the parish of Oughteragh should first seek permission from one of the priests or a member of the pastoral council. This also applies to those wishing to leave literature (religious or otherwise) on the tables in the church porch. Please do not leave out of date magazines in church porch. Bin them at home!

**Trocaire Boxes :** It would be appreciated if you would bring in your Trocaire Contributions as soon as you can. Would you be so kind as to convert your coins into notes. Thanks for your co-operation.

**Life in the Spirit Seminars:** Those who attended the recent Life in the Spirit Seminars are asked to come to a meeting in Ballinamore Community Centre on Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 8.30 pm

**Divine Mercy Sunday** Eucharistic adoration will take place in Aughnasheelin Church today to mark the Feast of Divine Mercy. It will commence after 10am mass and will conclude with Benediction at 7pm. All are welcome .

**When Jesus** appeared to Sr. Faustina, he gave her a simple phrase to respond to God's mercy. The phrase is "Jesus I trust in you" Think of all your current struggles and challenges, then repeat: "Jesus I trust in you! Jesus I trust in you!" Pope Francis.

**Meeting Reminder:**

**Please note:** The Annual General Meeting of the Ballinamore Development Company takes place in the Business & Technology Centre, Willowfield Road, on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 8:30p

**North West Hospice** A big thank you to all who contributed to the church gate collection. The total collection taken up in Ballinamore amounted to €854.84

**WHIST DRIVE**

**Calling all card Players !**

The monthly whist drive in Ballinamore Community centre takes place on next Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April starting at 9pm, we are calling on all card players to please come along and support , There will be wonderful prizes and tea and refreshments at half time. So why not come along, bring a friend and enjoy a good night. All Welcome,

**ATHLETIC CLUB** Training for the summer track & field competitions recommences after the Easter break on Tuesday (April 5th) at 7.00 pm. and will continue on Tuesday and Thursday at 7.00 p.m. until June. Those interested in Schools, Inter Club and Community Games athletics are invited to join Ballinamore Athletic Club and avail of this training where all events involved will be covered.

**Ballinamore Parent & Toddler** Situated in Ballinamore Library (our new venue!) Every Wednesday 10.00a.m.-12.00p.m. €2 per week (for tea, coffee, biscuits etc.) All parents/grandparents or child minders who are in the company of babies or toddlers are invited to come along for a cup of tea and a chat while the children mix and play! For more information contact: Laura Mc Hugh 086 6035977

**Sweet Spirit for Cavan Oncology.** The Cavan Oncology Unit, Cavan General Hospital is to be the beneficiary of a concert by the Sweet Spirit Gospel Choir under the direction of Tish Dunleavy. The event will take place in the Cornmill Theatre, Carrigallen on Sunday evening 10<sup>th</sup> April at 8.30pm sharp! Special guests on the night will be the Leitrim Male Choir. Come along and support this very worthy cause. Booking at 086-8765377/049-4339612 or email; bookings@cornmilltheatre.com

**Drumshanbo Enterprise Centre New Classes Week Starting 4<sup>th</sup> of April**

There are limited places still available for an Information and Communication Technology Skills Class (QQI level 4), an award in General Learning Class (QQI level 3), Start and Grow Your Own Business (QQI level 5) an introduction to using the Internet (QQI Level 3) and an Introduction to Container Gardening and Garden Planning. Courses are funded by Sligo Mayo Leitrim ETB. For more information or to book a place contact Michael on 0719641577, 087 6177071 or [mbruen@drumshanboenterprise.ie](mailto:mbruen@drumshanboenterprise.ie)

**Ballinamore Library** : Very interesting lecture on "The History of Protestants and the Irish Language" by Linda Ervine from Belfast will be delivered in Ballinamore Library on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April @ 8.00 pm. Admission Free. Fáilte roimh gach duine.

**Family Carers Ireland** are providing the QQI Level 5 Activities of Living Patient Care in your area on the 07/04/2016 in Ballinamore. This training will be run one day a week for five weeks from 9.30am to 4.30 per module. For more info or to express an interest contact the training department on 0579370221.

**Are you interested in a Career in the Care Sector?** If so fully funded health care related training is now available for job seekers in the Longford and surrounding areas. This training is being provided in conjunction with Family Carers Ireland and MBE Skillnet. This is an opportunity to undertake QQI Level 5 Healthcare Support Major Award leading to employment in the care sector. Usual eligibility criteria apply, check with [michael@mbeskillnet.ie](mailto:michael@mbeskillnet.ie) [For training enquiries or to book your place on the training programme contact mbracken@familycarers.ie or call 057 9370221.](#)

**Ballinamore Angling and Tourism Ltd** Meeting there will be a meeting in the Old Clinic this coming Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm. Please come along if you can.

**A meeting of Ballinamore Womens Group** takes place on Wednesday 6th April at 8pm. A guest speaker will attend. Balance of money due for trip to the dogs must be paid on or before 23th April. All members are asked to attend.

**Aughawillan Drama Troupe** "Mother Knows Best" Aughawillan Drama Troupe is delighted to invite you to "Mother knows Best" a three act smash-hit comedy by Jimmy Keary. Aughawillan have already four sold out nights with this comedy in February of this year and due to public demand are staging the play again. The performances will be held in the Aughawillan Hall on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of April at 8.30 pm sharp. There is no need to book, admission is €10.00. Please come early to avoid disappointment. Please like us on facebook at "Aughawillan Drama".

## **No Excuse Sunday !**

*To make it possible for everyone to attend church next Sunday, we are going to have a special "No Excuse Sunday."*

*Cots will be placed in the foyer for those who say, "Sunday is my only day to sleep."*

*We will have steel helmets for those who say, "the roof will cave in if I ever come to church."*

*Blankets will be furnished for those who think the church is too cold and fans for those who think the church is too hot.*

*We will have hearing aids for those who think the preacher speaks too softly and cotton for those who think he preaches too loudly.*

*Scorecards will be available for those who wish to list the hypocrites present.*

*Some relatives will be in attendance for those who like to go visiting on Sunday.*

*There will be T.V. dinners for those who can't go to church and cook dinner also.*

*One section will be devoted to trees and grass for those who like to see God in nature.*

*Finally, the sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who have never seen the church without them.*

*New items for the Newsletter should be emailed before 12 noon Thursdays to [ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie](mailto:ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie) The editor reserves the right to edit or omit items according to suitability of content & space in the newsletter.*