

BALLINAMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

6th March 2016 (4th Sunday of Lent)

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Ballinamore Masses : Mon 7pm, Tue Wed & Thurs 7:30am, Fri 9am, Sat 11am & 7pm Vigil Sun. 11.30am.

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Mass intentions for the week:

Sat 5 th Mar 7pm	Brian Sweeney, Aghadark Phil McGovern & deceased family members, Tully Mary Cunnion & Alfie Vickery
Sun 6 th Mar 11:30	Gerry Brady (Aghadark) & deceased members of The Brady Family, Longford Michael McKiernan, (Kildorrigh) & deceased members of the McKiernan Family.
Sat 12 th Mar 7pm	Brigid, William & Charles McWeeney, Longstone Sonnie Maxwell & deceased family members of The Maxwell Family (Dromore)
Sun 13 th Mar 11:30	Tony Maguire, Main Street

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

Altar Servers

Team 5 Sun 6 th , Sat 12 th	Siobhan Flynn, Lillie Byrne, Grainne Prior, Tara Conway, Mollie Murphy, Emma Beirne
Team 6 Sun 13 th & Sat 19 th	Paul Moran, Kuba Kaminski, Mikey Reilly, Fiachra McGrath, Adam Kaminski

Door Collectors

Sat 12 th & Sun 13 th Mar	Francis McTague, Brendan Brennan, Sean McKeon, Michael Hanly
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Ministers of the Word

Sat 12 th Mar 7pm	Kay Maguire
Sun 13 th Mar 11:30	John Darcy

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat 12 th Mar 7pm	Brendan Sweeney, Tommy Moran, Bridie Cafferty
Sun 13 th Mar 11:30	Michael Duignan, Maureen Martin, Peggy Ferguson

Church Notes

Stations of the Cross: One of the great traditions of Lent is "Doing the Stations of the Cross" daily or having Sunday evening Lent devotions. This Lent it is planned to have the Stations of the Cross each Sunday at 7pm in Ballinamore Church. Our hope is that a different organization will lead the stations each Sunday. If your organisation is willing to become involved please contact any member of the Parish Pastoral Council.

The Garment of Suffering

Each of us has some suffering or hurt in our lives, sometimes dating back from the past. The "Garment of Suffering" symbolises the hurt contained in our lives and community. During Lent we ask that you bring a piece of cloth (any Colour) about 6 inches square & leave it in the labelled box at back of church. Your piece of cloth can represent for example grief over death or separation or the pain of sickness, the pain of doing wrong to others or having it done to you. During Lent and holy week the cloths will be all sewn together onto one complete garment. On Good Friday the garment will be draped over the Cross where Christ suffered for us bearing our sin and pain. During Lent and Easter we will pray to be healed. What is unique about this ritual is that you will be able to recognise your own piece of cloth, your own grief and suffering and yet understand that so many others share similar worries. Please bring in your piece of cloth as soon as you can, as they need to be sewn together. Thanks to the ladies who kindly offered to do this service.

"24hours with the Lord" As part of the celebration of the Year of Mercy, parishes are asked to arrange 24 consecutive hours of Eucharistic Adoration. This will take place in St. Patrick's Church Ballinamore on Saturday March 19th after the 7pm Vigil mass and will continue until 6pm on Palm Sunday, when our Penitential Service begins. A list of times will be made available looking for volunteers to cover the various hours. We will need at least 3 people for every hour.

Church Painting: Painters will be in Ballinamore church this week to freshen up the side walls which have become discoloured in recent times. Sorry for the inconvenience.

The Apostolic Society is holding a church gate collection on 12/13 March for the foreign missions. We would greatly appreciate new members or collectors to assist us - our membership in Ballinamore is very small and we may not be able to continue otherwise. Thank you for your generous contributions in previous years all of which goes directly to local priests and nuns on the missions. Your support is greatly appreciated.

St Patrick's Day Collection Your generosity to the St Patrick's day Collection will help:

In the education of African Priests, two of whom work in our diocese, Support for Irish missionaries working in African countries, Provide support to the Irish Emigrant chaplaincies abroad.

We would appeal to you to be equally generous in this year's St Patrick's Day Collection.

Mass for Ireland – St Mel's Cathedral - Sat 19th March

An Teaghlach Naofa is dedicated to The Holy Family of Nazareth and under the patronage of St. John Paul. We are having a Mass for Ireland in St. Mel's Cathedral, Longford on Saturday 19th March, feast day of St. Joseph, with prayers for wellbeing of families, marriages and protection of human life in Ireland. Rosary at 2.30 p.m and procession to altar of The Holy Family. Mass at 3 p.m., Holy Hour 4 p.m. For further information contact Kitty on 086-0405621 or visit the website at www.anteaghlachnaofa.ie. All welcome. Please come along and bring your family

“Kilmore Diocesan Pilgrimage To Lourdes Fundraiser” Launch of the Lavey to Lourdes cycles takes place on Friday 11th March in the Lavey Inn . Music by Paul Corrigan and guests 9.30pm to 1am Refreshment will be served on the night plus a draw for a number of spot prizes. Admission €10 . Your support would be appreciated.

Lollipop Day The Oesophageal Cancer Organisers would like to thank all our volunteers in County Leitrim who helped so willingly with fund raising on Fri & Sat 26th & 27th Feb. Whether you organised a collection, volunteered , donated or bought lollies on the day, your support is gratefully appreciated. Fundraising money is invested into research & awareness driving campaigns on the symptoms of the disease. Independent scientific members work on a voluntary basis & receive no fees or remuneration for their work. The total collected amounted to €7,049.10. Thank you to all without you this could not have happened.

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 For training enquiries or to book your place on the training programme contact mbracken@familycarers.ie or call 057 9370221.

Monaghan Institute Open Day: Thursday 10th March 2016, 11am- 7pm at Monaghan Education Campus, Armagh Road, Monaghan. Information available on 2016/17 courses. For further details or to apply on line visit www.monaghaninstitute.ie Tel 047-84900

Family Carers Ireland are providing the QQI Level Palliative Care Support module in Cavan on the 18th of March 2016, one day a week for five weeks per module from 9.30am to 4.30pm. To express an interest and for more info contact 05793 70221.

Family Carers Ireland are providing the QQI Level 5 Activities of Living Patient Care module in Ballinamore in March 2016, this training will be provided one day a week for five weeks per module from 9.30am to 4.30pm. To express an interest and for more info contact 05793 70221.

Enterprise Week at Mohill Enterprise Centre Are you thinking of starting a new business or renewing your existing business? During enterprise week we are hosting a FREE Green Business Seminar with James Hogan from the Clean Technology Centre on Tuesday 8th March from 10am to 12 noon and on Thursday evening 10th March a start your own business programme begins for 6 weeks. Places at events are limited, please book your place early on 071 9632024.

Ballinamore Boxing Club are holding their Annual Quiz in Smyth's Siopa OI on Wednesday 16th March, start time 9pm great spot prizes. Please support.

The Leitrim Irish Draught Breeders Association are holding their Annual AGM in Casey's Pub Mohill, on Tuesday March 1st at 9pm. All new members welcome. For more information phone 087 6328133.

Ballinamore Parent & Toddler Situated in the old medical clinic (middle of the town, on a temporary basis!) 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

Ladies watch found on footpath at Aghadark. Owner please contact 087 6823832

Ballinamore Drama Festival Ballinamore Drama Festival opens this Sunday 6th March in Ballinamore Community Centre at 8.30pm with the Backstage Theatre Group performing 'Blithe Spirit' a wonderful comedy play. Please note this play has strobe lighting. Drama continues until Sunday 13th March starting on closing night at 8pm.

Béal an Átha Móir Seán Ó hEislin

Membership Folks Membership is still open for the coming year. It is important to note that if membership is not paid you are not insured to use the club facilities or to participate in matches etc. The prices are; family members €80; adult single €35; under 18 €20. Please contact Walter Sharpley on 0861236207 or Ronan O'Rourke on 0877754332 to make payment.

Leitrim Ladies Fundraiser Folks Leitrim Ladies are hosting a monster bingo night in the Landmark Hotel on Friday the 25th of March (Good Friday) at 20:00. Lots of prizes on offer and a jackpot of €1000, promises to be a great night !!

Shield There was no Shield game for the Senior team this week with the Match against Eslin conceded by Eslin. Next up for the lads is a match against Cloone, in Cloone at 12:00 this Sunday.

Penitential Service In St.Patrick's Church ,Ballinamore on Palm Sunday at 6pm concluding with a blessing for healing and anointing with the oil of mercy. This will be followed by a similar service in Our Lady of Lourdes Church Ballyconnell at 7.30.

A Mothers Love

There are times when only a Mother's love can understand our tears,
Can soothe our disappointments and calm all of our fears.

There are times when only a Mother's love can share the joy we feel
When something we've dreamed about quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a Mother's faith can help us on life's way
And inspire in us the confidence we need day to day.

For a Mother's heart and a Mother's faith and a Mother's steadfast love
Are gifts given to us sent from God above.

“Wishing all Mothers a happy and blessed day.”