

BALLINAMORE /DRUMREILLY LR. PARISH NEWSLETTER

26th Feb 2017 (8th Sunday in O.T)

Fr. Sean Mawn P.P. (071) 96 44039 / 087 6869040, Fr. Johnnie Cusack C.C. (071) 9644050/0872408409, 049 9523122, Fr. Denis Murray P.P. Carrigallen 049 4339610

Email Address ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie. Website: <http://www.stbrigidspastoralarea.ie>

Feast Days/ Days to Note: Wed 1st March Ash Wednesday

Ballinamore St. Patrick's Church Masses : Mon 7pm, Tue 9am, Wed 7am & 11am, Thurs 7am, Fri 9am, Sun 11am

Mass Intentions

Sun 26th Feb 11am Patsy & Mary Galligan, Dromore & deceased family members
John Thomas & Anna Quinn, Drumlonan
Wed 1st Mar 7am Ash Wednesday
Wed 1st Mar 11am Ash Wednesday
Thurs 2nd Mar 7am Tom Joe & Annie Creamer, Curraghnawall
Fri 3rd Mar 9am Charles, Maura & Jimmy McCormack, Lahard, Thomas Verpauet, Tráthnona
Sun 5th Mar 11am Winnie McNamee, Church St
Bernard, Mary McKiernan, 6 Railway Terrace

Altar Servers

Door Collectors

Ministers of the Word

Eucharistic Ministers

Confessions:

Adoration :

Team 3 Sun 5th Mar Eoin, Killian, Emma, Kacee, Adam
Sun 5th & 12th Mar Group 11 : Vera Brennan, Tommy McWeeney, Jim Cafferty, Michael Hanly
Sun 19th & 26th Mar Group 12: Seamus Earley, Austin Quinn, Michael Fanning, Camilus Martin
Sun 5th Mar : Sharon Sweeney
Sun 5th Mar: Brendan Sweeney, Tommy Moran, Bridie Cafferty
After Mass on Saturday mornings & on request
Fridays 9:30 – 1:30pm **7pm to 9pm**

Aughnasheelin St Marys Church Masses: Wed 8:15pm Fri 8pm , Sat 8:15

Mass Intentions

Sat 25th Feb 8:15 Tom & Annie Harvey & deceased family members (Knockacullion)
Annie Moran, Kiltybarden
Michael McCabe, Pottore (MM)
Wed 1st Mar 8:15pm Ash Wednesday
Sat 4th Mar 8:15 Youth Mass (Special Youth Mass dedicated to the Youth and families of our Parish)

Altar Servers :

Ministers of The Word:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Door Collector March:

Adoration :

Sat 4th Mar: Team A Shane, Ellie, Eóin **Suprv Mahon**
Confirmation Class for month of March
Sat 4th March C Sammon & E Roddy **Sat 11th Mar :** M Mulvey & M Conway
Peter Flynn, Brendan Reynolds, Brian O'Dowd
Wednesdays 11am-12md, 8pm-9pm and 9pm-10pm

Corraleehan St. Brigid's Church Masses: Wed 9:30am , Sun 9:45am

Mass Intentions

Sun 26th Feb 9:45 Mary Bridget, Pat & James Dolan (Garryslough), Tom Maguire of Ardmoneen & deceased family members
Wed 1st March 9:30am Ash Wednesday
Sun 5th Mar 9:45am No Intention

Ministers of The Word:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Door Collectors:

Altar Society March:

Adoration :

Claire McNiffe & Carmel McNiffe
Nora Dolan & Annie McManus
Gerry Mehan & Joseph McNiff
Mary McGovern & Helen McGovern
Wed 10am – 10pm

Aughawillan St. Patrick's Church Masses: Wed 7pm Sat 7pm

Mass Intentions

Sat 25th Feb 7pm No Intention
Wed 1st March 7pm: Ash Wednesday
Sat 4th Mar 7pm Kathleen Campbell nee Gallagher, Blacklion & Killaphort
Sat 4th March : Mary Farrell Quinn **Sat 11th & 18th March :** Sinead Kiernan

Eucharistic Minister:

Minister of The Word:

Door Collectors March:

Altar Society March :

Doreen Flanagan & Donal Quinn
Paddy Deane & Gerry Flanagan
Michelle Dolan & Katie Meekin

Church Notes

Deceased : We pray for the soul (a) Mary-Ellen Kinsella, Connecticut, USA, formerly Mary-Ellen McTague, Drumbibe, (b) Mrs Mary McTigue- McDermott, formerly from Moher, whose funeral was in Dublin on Tues 21, (c) Tommy Kelleher, formerly from Miskawn, who died in Michican-USA during the week , funeral arrangements later.

Trocaire Boxes: Trocaire Boxes are available for collection in the church porch. Remember Wednesday Week is Ash Wednesday!

Visitation of the Sick and Housebound: will take place this week: Aughawillan, Corraleehan and Aughnasheelin on Thursday morning and Ballinamore Country Area on Thursday afternoon/evening.
Ballinamore Town area will take place Friday morning.

Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, the 1st March. The primary purpose of Lent is a season of preparation for Easter when we celebrate the Lords Passion, Death & Resurrection.

The tradition of fasting or abstaining from certain foods & drinks, supporting the needy through alms giving, more time to family or personal prayers, attending mass more frequently or doing the Stations of the Cross during Lent, still holds true. This is a precious time which offers us a great opportunity to grow in our relationship with our God.

Ash Wednesday : Ashes will be blessed & distributed at all masses. **Visitation to schools by arrangement.**

Mass Times : Ballinamore : 7am & 11am **Aughnasheelin :** 8:15pm **Corraleehan:** 9:30am **Aughawillan:** 7pm

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.

Lourdes Collection : Lourdes Collection will be taken up this weekend.

Stations of the Cross during Lent (Aughnasheelin)

Stations of the Cross will take place after 8pm mass during the Lenten season. If anyone wishes to support this effort in their church we will need leaders to help out each Friday after Mass, please give your name to Breda Mulvanerty 0863763809 or there is a sheet at the rear of the church which you can fill in which date you are available.

Knock to New York Pilgrimage 8th - 14th May : Knock Shrine will lead a historic pilgrimage from Ireland west Airport, Knock in May. Flight-only tickets are now available, price €599 (incl. taxes and charges) with Aer Lingus private charter. Full packages are also available which include flights, accommodation and itinerary. Contact Joe Walsh Tours for more information (01) 241 0800 or email:

bronwyn.clinton@joewalshstours.ie or see www.knockshrine.ie/newyork

Faith Renewal Events : The spring/summer series of Faith Renewal events at Knock Shrine includes a great mix of day retreats and enrichment workshops and a special 'Celebrating Family' day on Saturday 8th April with facilitators Fr Timothy Bartlett and Breda O'Brien. For the full programme of events, see www.knockshrine.ie/faithrenewal or email faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie

Special Parish Lenten Programme : In 2018 people will gather in Dublin from all over the world to celebrate 'World Meeting of Families'. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this historical meeting is 'The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the world'. In view of this wonderful event we are hosting a series of three talks here in our Parish with special emphasis on family. **Please save the dates!** Wednesday 15th, 22nd, and 29th of March from 7pm – 8pm in Ballinamore Community Centre. We invite parents/grandparents/guardians and all those interested to please come along to these talks. We have three wonderful speakers lined up – Collette Furlong (Catholic in Elphin diocese) Bairbre Cahill – Author/facilitator/resource worker in Raphoe Diocese and Fr. Ultan McGoohan, Director of Pastoral Services, Kilmore. We pray that these talks will be a source of inspiration, joy and hope for us all.

Community Notices

Scoil Chlann Naofa: As a newly amalgamated National School, we will be holding our first Open Day for Enrolment on Wed 1st March in the Junior School 2:30pm. Junior Infants to 6th class welcomed.

"Clothes collection!!" Scoil Chlann Naofa parents association are holding clothes collection on Monday Morning 27th at 9.00-9.30 at senior school(boys school).. please support ..funds raised used to provide extra curricular/sporting and fun activities for all students .. thank you"

Oesophageal Cancer Lollipop Collection will be held on March 3rd & 4th. Funds raised each year helps to highlight the disease , promote awareness of the symptoms of this cancer, improve care & treatment to patients & to fund research projects. Thank you

Aughnasheelin community First Responder CPR & AED Group.

The above group has been existence since 2008, our role is to provide a voluntary response to an emergency within the community. We plan an information evening in the **Community Centre on Monday 6th March at 8:30pm Speaker is Helen & John Martin (a survivor of first responder CPR)**. The purpose is to highlight our availability & role in the community. We would also like to interest new and might i say younger recruits to carry on this community initiative. All welcome refreshments served on the night.

An Nuacht- St. Patricks Day Parade.

Yes it's that time of year again. You can join in by entering a float, singing or dancing or simply enjoying the entertainment. There are various prizes for different categories best on foot, best themed, most humorous, best window display, best dressed and many more. Any new ideas would be greatly welcomed. The theme this year is '**An Nuacht – make it your own**' you can make your own news up whether it is topical or about your business or anything else it's up to you (but be nice). The parade will take place on Friday 17th March assembling at the Tesco car park. We also have the Kilturbrid Pipe Band joining the celebrations. All floats/groups are asked to meet at 3.30pm for the parade at 4pm. Any enquires contact Dawn @ 0863115647 or David @086-0870456. All help welcomed!

Ballinamore Women's Group: A meeting of Ballinamore Women's Group takes place on Wednesday 1st March at 8pm. Arrangements will be completed for concert at this meeting. Keep fit classes continue for the next 4 Mondays at 1pm in the park.All are welcome. All members are asked to attend the meeting.

Ballinamore Sing Together social singing group will run for six sessions on Wednesday evenings 7-9pm on 1st March in the Community Centre then Tranona for the weeks afterwards. We will learn easy harmony songs, strengthen your voice and confidence and have fun. We sing a bit of everything - Gospel, Folk, Pop and Sacred. Everyone welcome. No experience necessary.Why not try a taster for **€10** or block book for the six sessions for **€50**. Contact Sarah Garden 0877620523, sarah@sarahgarden.ie or www.sarahgarden.ie for more information.

Seamus O'Rourke brings his brand new production 'My Aunt Bee' to Ballinamore Community Centre on Friday 3rd March at 8.30pm where he will co-star with Eileen Ward. It is a fundraiser for Ballinamore Childcare, tickets €15. Available from Ballinamore Childcare located at the former Technical School (071) 9644904, at Jackie's Lakeland Bar or from any staff or board member.

A Pancake night will be held in Templeport Resource Centre on Tuesday 28th February. Music by Country Cousins. Pancakes will be served from 8.00 to 9.00pm Band will play from 9.00 till 11.30pm. Proceeds in aid of Day Centre. Please support.

The Drama Festival in Ballinamore will be officially opened this year by Seamus O Rourke at 8 pm on Sunday March 5 and continues until March 12. Please note the new starting time of 8pm

WHIST DRIVE: The Monthly Whist Drive has resumed after the Christmas break and the next whist drive is on Thursday next 2nd March in the Community Centre at 8:30p. look forward to seeing all our regulars (and maybe some new players) on Thursday night, all card players are welcome to come along and enjoy a good social night out , tea and refreshments served at interval and great prizes to be won, So come along, bring a friend and Please support, Look forward to seeing you there,

Aughnasheelin GAA: Under 6/8/10s football training in Ballinamore Sports Hall starting this Saturday February 25th from 10 to 11am for 8 weeks - membership can be paid on the day. Club Membership is now due - anyone wishing to sign up please contact Brendan Meehan. Scor Sinseair Saturday March 11th - if you willing to take part please contact Brendan Reynolds.

Béal an Átha Móir Seán Ó hEislín

Membership: it's important that all players and members renew their membership to ensure they have full insurance cover for the coming year. family members €80, adult single €40; under 18 €20. Please contact Walter Sharpley on 0861236207 to make payment.

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