

BALLINAMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

10th January 2016 (Baptism of the Lord)

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Ballinamore Masses : Mon 7pm, Tue Thurs & Fri 9am, Sat 11am & 7pm Vigil Sun. 11.30am.
Aughnasheelin Masses: Wed 9am, Fri 8pm Sun. 10am.

Mass intentions for the week:

Sat 9th Jan 7pm Olivia Canning, Railway Terrace
Thomas Galligan, Dromore
Sun 10th Jan 11:30 People of The Parish
Sat 16th Jan 7pm Bertie Moroney, (Church St) & deceased family members of the Moroney & Clery Family
Michael James Gilhooly, (Killaneen) & deceased members of the Gilhooly & Hennessy Families
Michael Wrynn (Tarmon) & deceased family members of The Wrynn & Prior Families
Sun 17th Jan 11:30 An Tathair Seamus O'Dubhthaigh.

Recent Deaths We pray for (a) Patricia Dolphin, High Street, whose funeral took place on 30th December (b) Willie Russell Portmarnock (father of Carol Wrynn) whose funeral took place on 30th December and Teddy Clyne formerly Lahard who died in Manchester on Friday, funeral arrangements later. May they rest in peace. Our sympathies to their families.

Altar Servers

Team 3 Sun 10th Jan & Sat 16th Peter O'Connell, Seán Gartland, Michael McKiernan, Killian Maguire, T.J Quinn
Team 4 Sun 17th & Sat 23rd Jan Bernard Sweeney, Eoin Hamill, Brian Sweeney, Dylan & Liam Reynolds

Door Collectors

Sat 16th & 17th Jan Pdraig McGovern, Tommy Creaven, Philip Farrelly, Brian McWeeney

Ministers of the Word

Sat 16th Jan 7pm Thomas Kelly
Sun 17th Jan 11:30 PJ McLoughlin

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat 16th Jan 7pm Alice Costello, Francis Maguire, Raymond McHugh
Sun 17th Jan 11:30 Evelyn McHugh, Marian Sharpley, PJ McLoughlin

Congratulations to Mark Dolan & Elaine O'Connor, Gavin Sammon & Claire Stewart who both received the Sacrament of Marriage on the 28th December. We wish both couples a happy & healthy life together.

Baptism: We welcome Elliott Mel Murphy into our church community, as he received the sacrament of baptism on the 3rd January. Congratulations to his parents.

Parish Notes

A word of Thanks: A sincere word of thanks to all who assisted in any way in our churches and community in the lead up to and over the Christmas Season. Thanks to all who set up the lovely Advent Wreaths, those who erected the Lovely Cribs, the Christmas Trees, and those who cleaned and decorated the two churches so beautifully for Christmas. Our thanks also to the choirs and organists, the altar servers and to all who participated in the Christmas liturgies.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank members of the Parish Pastoral Council, the Liturgy Committees, the Finance Committees and to all who help out in our churches during the year, the Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Organists, Choirs, Altar Servers and their Parents, Parish Safeguarding Rep., Collectors and those who count record and lodge collections, all who help and maintain church grounds and cemeteries, Members of the Boards of Management of our schools and to all parish and community organisations who enhance and improve the quality of life for a great number of our people. A special word of thanks to Catherine and Shirley for our weekly Parish Newsletters

If you have not collected your Parish Calendar and Envelopes for your offertory and dues contributions for 2016 would you kindly do so, as the envelopes are now in use from last weekend. They are available for collection in the Church. Thanks to all who have already done so. If you are new in the Parish or your name is not included please contact Fr. Sean

A Gentle Reminder: It would be much appreciated if dues and offertory and other contributions for 2014 were brought up to date. The weekly offertory contributions go towards the upkeep of the Churches and the monthly dues contributions provide the salaries for the priests of the parish. Thanking everyone who contributed so generously during 2014, also for your co-operation. Acknowledgements for 2014 contributions will be sent out in due course. **If you are paying by cheque would you be kind enough to use a separate cheque for offertory and dues contributions as they have different account numbers.**

Cheques for offertory collection should be made payable to Ballinamore Church or Aughnasheelin Church which ever applies, and for Dues cheques should be made payable to Priests Revenue Account Ballinamore Ch.. It would also be much appreciated when making your contribution to outside collections for e.g Mission Sunday, that you would use the envelope provided in your box for this purpose. Thanking you for your co-operation.

Do you want to learn more about the possibility of overseas volunteering and/or training in Overseas Development & Mission? Viatores Christi (VC) will hold an Information & Recruitment Session on Saturday 16th January 2016 at 12.00 at VC HQ, 8 New Cabra Road, Phibsboro, Dublin 7 Tel. 01-8689986 info@viatoreschristi.com www.viatoreschristi.com

The following are the details for Accord Pre Marriage Courses 2016 in Kilmore Diocese.

February 26th 27th March 11th 12th April 22nd 23^r October 7th 8th Cost €150 Lunch included
Friday evening 7.30-10pm Saturday 10am-5pm Venue Pastoral Centre. Contact No.(049) 4375004

The Diocese of Kilmore is looking to employ an enthusiastic and experienced person as Diocesan Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. A job description and application form may be downloaded from the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre website www.kilmoredpc.ie The closing date for receipt of completed applications is 12 noon on Thursday 14 January 2016 with interviews taking place in Cavan during the week beginning Monday 1 February 2016.

Want to improve your Irish? Irish conversation classes, or Ciorcal Comhrá, will start again in Ballinamore Library on Tuesday next, 12 January at 8.00pm. There are separate groups for relative beginners, for those who have some Irish and for those who are fluent. These classes are a great opportunity to practice the Irish you know and to improve it. Also, Leaving Cert or transitional year students will find it useful for practice for their Irish orals. Classes are free and will run for 10 weeks to mid March. Seo seans chun an Ghaeilge a labhairt. Beidh fáilte romhat

Text Alert – final reminder To remain in the text alert scheme or join it for the first time you must leave your name, mobile no and €5 in any of the three drop off points – Library, Philip Murphy's newsagents or Pat Joe Dolans filling station. You may do so up to the end of January and at that stage anyone who has not re registered will be deleted from the system.

The Blood Transfusion mobile unit team

....will return again to the Community Centre, Ballinamore on Wednesday 20th January 2016. It will be open from 3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. If you can attend the clinic, the best time would be from 3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Some 3000 units/pints of blood are needed overall each week to cater for emergency and routine cases requiring transfusions of blood and blood products in hospitals all over the country. Thanks to everyone who attended the last clinic in September. We had a total of 113 donations. Please come again to the Community Centre, Ballinamore on Wednesday 20th January, 2016 and bring a friend.

Drumshanbo Enterprise Centre Spring 2016 Classes

Classes will commence in Drumshanbo Enterprise Centre on the week starting Monday the 18th of January. There are limited places still available for a QQI (Fetac) level 4 award in Information and Communication Technology Skills and a QQI (Fetac) level 3 award in General Learning. 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

National Learning Network, Carrick on Shannon has a number of vacancies on our Employer Based Training course, 12 month duration, offering FETAC certification and work placements in a range of sectors with ongoing coordinator support and good employment opportunities. Candidates must be over 16yrs and registered with Department of Social Protection. For more information contact Noel at 086-2481383 or www.nln.ie

Athletic Club

Normal Club training resumes on Tuesday January 12th at 6.00 p.m.

A Closer Look - Art Exhibition

As part of the Childrens Art Exhibition in Solas Art Gallery, first and second year Art Students from Ballinamore Community School are exhibiting their talents with the theme "A Closer Look" These students have choosen an image from nature. Whilst learning painting techniques and exploring with colour and texture with acrylic paints, each child has brought their own individual talents onto canvas. The exhibition opens on sat 16th Jan. Well done to everyone involved and hope to see you there. Dawn

Ballinamore Christmas Well its all over for another year and A Happy New Year to everyone.... and as good as the lights look unfortunately they have to come down...We are hoping to take down the christmas lights this weekend Sunday 10th Jan at 1:30 at the church, if you are interested in getting involved please contact Dawn 086-3115647. If you still wish to contribute to the fundraising you can do so in the Credit Union and leave your name or contact Dawn or David. Thank you all who have done so already it is a credit to a small community and surrounding areas..

Béal an Átha Móir Seán Ó hEislin Annual New Year's Draw Everyone at Ballinamore Sean O'Heslin's would like to thank all of you who supported this years' annual New Year's draw which took place on Sunday 3rd January in Priors. Special thanks to Gay Prior and staff for hosting a great night and also to Gay on his generous sponsoring of our 2nd prize of €1,000. Gay has been a wonderful supporter for the team over the years and his continued support is greatly appreciated. Thanks also to our wonderful ticket sellers. We must off course also thank each and every one of you that purchased a ticket, your support ensures that the club will be in a healthy position for the coming year. Special thanks also to Tommy Moran our excellent as ever compare and Brid Sullivan and Ann Shanley for helping to organize the draw on the night. **Membership** Folks, membership of Ballinamore Seán Ó hEislin's is now open for 2016. 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.

Reflection.

Baptism was not over and done with, when the priest pour water over our infant foreheads.
The truth is we are being baptised, by everything that happens to us in life.

To be baptised is to christened, which means to be made like Christ.

The sacrament, however, only begins this.

It is like the planting of a seed.

It will take a lifetime for this seed to grow and ripen, for the image of Christ to be formed in us.