

BALLINAMORE /DRUMREILLY LR. PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 24th May 2020 (Seventh Sunday of Easter)

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All Weekend and Week Day Masses
are cancelled until further notice.

Live Streaming of Mass

From St. Patrick's Church, Ballinamore

Mon & Wed 7pm, Tues Thurs & Fri 9am, Sat 11am & 7pm, Sun 11am

(Please note an extra online mass from Ballinamore Church on *Saturday evening at 7pm* .
This is only a temporary arrangement until Covid 19 restrictions are lifted on indoor gatherings.)

Log on to churchtv.ie
Select "Ballinamore" & join us live at the above mass times

Church Notes

Parish Office: The Parish Office will be closed to the public but still contactable by
Phone 071 9644039 or email: ballinamore@kilmorediocese.ie

Confirmation & First Holy Communion: We are awaiting update on Covid 19 restrictions before we can
before we can reschedule possible dates for our ceremonies. -

Ignite – Be a Light in the Darkness : Free online Evangelisation Conference Sat 30th & Sun 31st May. Guest
speakers Dr Scott Hahn, Fr Mike Schmitz, Ralph Martin, Sr. Miriam Heidland, Bishop Fintan Gavin & Patrick
Treacy Senior Counsel. Register for your free ticket at www.dominicancork.ie

Collection of Offertory and Dues Envelopes: While we are well aware that these are difficult
and challenging times and a strain on financial resources for many families. Some parishioners have
expressed a wish to continue to make their normal contributions and wonder how this might be done .
As a result we would ask if collectors for each church area would arrange to be at their church between
8 to 8:30pm of a Saturday evening and parishioners come along then to the church and hand in their
contributions. This arrangement will also take place in Ballinamore Church again after from 11:30am to
12noon on Sunday. This arrangement will operate only once a month and is entirely voluntary.

Please observe Covid-19 restrictions

We will have a collection drop next weekend 30th May.

Thanks to the parishioners who have already left in their contributions especially the Trócaire
envelope to the parochial House Covent Road. Contributions can be left in at any time to the Parochial
House, Covent rd. Collectors for May are as follows;

Ballinamore Collectors: Francis McTague, Brendan Brennan, Sean McKeon, Michael Hanly

Aughnasheelin Collectors : Philip Roddy, Liam Kellegher, Thomas Prior

Corraleehan Collectors: C/o Declan McNiffe

Aughawillan Collectors: Donal Quinn & Michael Flanagan

Community Notices

Accord: Conscious of those who are experiencing difficulties in their relationships and family lives during the COVID-19 pandemic, Accord has set up a support line where callers can talk to experienced couples and relationship counsellors. Please contact 01 5313331 Mon to Friday 9am -8pm

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

FREE full-time Adult Education courses starting in The Further Education and Training Centre – Drumshanbo, located in the Enterprise Centre on the Hilly Road, this September 2020. QQI Level 5 Business & IT, Tourism with Business, Traditional Irish Music and Health Nutrition and Food Science. For more information please go to www.fetchcourses.ie, www.vtosleitrim.ie, Facebook and Twitter @VTOSLeitrim, email Seán Bailey at vtosleitrim@msletb.ie or call on 086-0624200.

A COVID-19 Community Outreach Champion is now available in your county to link local community groups and volunteers to those people cocooning or in need of support at this time. You can contact your Karen Dolan at Leitrim Development Company on (071) 9641770 or 0877167593 or email kdolan@ldco.ie. The Local Authority helpline is 071-9650473 and is open from 8am-8pm 7 days a week.

The Annual Aughnasheelin 5km/10km May Walk has taken a virtual turn for the year that is in it. Due to Covid19 restrictions we are unable to gather and walk to raise much needed funds for The North West Hospice and The Irish Cancer Society so we have decided to take to social media to raise the funds. Please support in whatever way you can head out for a 5km walk / run, donate what you can at www.gofundme.com/maywalk2020 and nominate 5 friends to do the same. Cheques made payable to May Walk 2020 or cash can be given to any committee member.

FB: [Facebook.com/maywalk2020](https://www.facebook.com/maywalk2020) Instagram: [Instagram.com/maywalkrun](https://www.instagram.com/maywalkrun)

Inspiration

It's perfectly understandable that some Catholics were perplexed by the closing of churches in a time of crisis. Why, when the need for religion's consolations was most acute, were the sacraments kept from us? Oh, but they've always been right here; just not the way we're accustomed to receiving them. I'm not talking about Mass on TV or YouTube, as helpful as those are for many. I'm talking about the sacramental encounters beyond the big Seven, the daily sacraments that the official Seven are intended to magnify for us.

Specifically, in this season of physical distancing, we can still do this: Bless with water. Admit our faults and seek forgiveness. Confirm each other's faith. Make commitments to spouse and family. Call each other to active service. Care for the sick. Share life-giving food and drink. These gracious activities are not lost during weeks when assemblies can't gather and priests can't physically stand in front of us and lead.

The world remains in need of sanctification, by means of our prayers and petitions. The Body of Christ is still blessed, broken, and shared in the many creative, tender, surprising ways we receive each other when the usual ways are impossible. All the Eucharists we've ever shared are meant to prepare us for the moment of challenge. The church is always open, wherever you and I are.

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