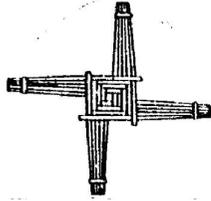


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# Drumlish & Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter



*Untilled ground, however rich, will bring forth thistles and thorns; so also the mind of man*

*St. Teresa of Avila*

Feast of the Presentation (A) 2nd February 2014

## Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Frank/Mary Theresa McCann, Dfm  
Sun 11.00: Michelle Rogers, Brucklagh  
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo  
Tue 11.30: Catholic Schools Week Mass  
Fri 8.00: Patrick Doyle, Cloncowley  
Sat 8.00: Fergal Mulleady  
Sun 11.00: Frank Cooney & Dfm

## Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Ellie & James Lennon & Dfm  
Mon 7.30: Deceased clergy/religious of parish  
Fri 7.30: Martin O'Toole/Michael Rehill, Dfm  
Sun 10.00: Mary/Patrick Kerrigan

## Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Declan Mimmagh  
Sun: Dympna Davis  
Eucharist Sat: Mary Gearty  
Sun: Pat Corrigan

## Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Adrian Lennon  
Eucharist Sun: Ryan McGee

## Money Matters

Drumlish p710; Ballinamuck p375, Shrine p175

## Weekend Special

The following special celebrations take place this weekend:

Sat.: Feast of St. Brigid - blessing of crosses  
Sun.: Feast of the Presentation and the blessing of candles  
Do This in Memory (Drumlish)  
Mon.: Feast of St. Blaise - blessing of throats

## Ballinamuck ICA

The February meeting of the above Guild will take place this Monday night February 3rd at 8.30pm in the Visitors Centre, Ballinamuck. All members are asked to attend, new members are always welcome.

## Alpha Course 2014

The Joy of the Gospel is for every person - Pope Francis.

- The Alpha Course is a ten week course to help people come closer to Jesus and their faith.
- It starts on Thursday, 6th February at 8 p.m. in the Family Centre, St. Mel's Rd. Longford.
- The Alpha Course 2014 is offered to all those who want to know more about Christianity, including those passing on the faith to the young and those who wish to embrace the Christian faith.

The Course is free - donations if you wish. For further details contact: Fr. Tony Gilhooly at 3346465 or Sr. Angela Clarkson at 0872843034. See poster in Church porch.

## Catholic Schools Week



Over the past week parishes throughout the country have celebrated Catholic Schools Week. The week has given everyone involved in Catholic education and opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the contribution that our Catholic schools make to Irish life. In a society that is growing more secular, parents and families are asked to take time to reflect on what it means to have your child as part of a Catholic school community, and to consider how you can support the work being done in your child's Catholic school. The children, parents, grandparents, families and the wider community are invited to a special Mass at 11.30 am in St. Mary's Church, Drumlish on Tuesday, 4th February to celebrate our Catholic School as a place of faith and learning.

## Training Opportunities at Longford EDI Centre

- Free IT Training : Would you be interested in an introduction to digital photography, sending/receiving emails, using social media, using apps, buying tickets and on-line banking? Longford EDI Centre is running an 8 hours basis computer course which can be delivered mornings, afternoons or evenings.
- Free Training Options : 8 Week Training Opportunities for People in receipt of a disability, illness welfare payment. The next programme will commence soon. Course includes computer skills, personal development and work experience.
- To avail of these great opportunities contact Bernie or Amanda at 043 3347515 or email [edicentreservices@gmail.com](mailto:edicentreservices@gmail.com) .

## Irish Blood Transfusion Service

The Mobile Unit will be in the Longford Arms Hotel on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 4.30 pm to 8 p.m. Blood gives life.

## First Friday

Next Friday is the first Friday. The sick and the housebound will be attended as usual.

## A little Story

*While working in the garden with his father, a small boy failed miserably in his attempts to lift a heavy stone. His father, who was closely observing him, finally said, "Are you sure you are using all your strength?" "Yes, I am!" the boy cried. "No, you're not," said the father. "You haven't asked me to help you."*

## Recent Death

Pray for repose of the soul of Lizzie McKenna (nee Brady) late of Brucklagh whose funeral took place in New York during the week. May she rest in peace.

## The Catholic School

- Has at its heart the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.
- Builds an environment of care and concern for others that is rooted in Catholic social teaching.
- Creates a safe and happy learning environment where every child is encouraged and enabled to develop to their full and unique potential as human beings, made in the image and likeness of God.
- Seeks educational excellence while remaining faithful to its distinctive vision and approach.
- Is an inclusive and respectful community, welcoming students of all denominations and of none.
- Acknowledges the role of parents as the first teachers in the ways of faith and provides opportunities for their participation in the life of the school.
- Works in partnership with parents and the parish community to keep the light of faith burning brightly.
- Provides religious education programmes that confirm and deepen the child's understanding of the Catholic faith so that every child will be as articulate in their faith as they are in all other areas of the curriculum.
- Nurtures the child's appreciation & understanding of the sacramental life of the Church.
- Displays the symbols of our Catholic faith tradition.
- Spends time as a school community in reflection, prayer, ritual, celebrating the Eucharist and other sacraments in order to develop the spiritual life of each person in the school community.