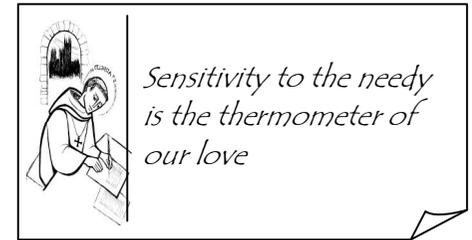


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2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (B) 18th January 2015

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Frank McWade
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo
Wed 9.30: Joe Donohoe, late Granard
Fri 8.00: Jim Kenny, Mill Road
Sat 8.00: Michael Joe/Alice/Micheál Quinn
Sun 11.00: Michelle Rogers, Brucklagh

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Margaret Donnelly
Fri 7.30: Patrick McKenna & Sheeran Dfm
Sun 10.00: Tommy Rehill, Shanmullagh
Note: Confessions & Adoration after Friday Mass

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Mary Ross
Sun: Dolores Kane
Communion Sat: Irene McNally
Sun: Brendan Murray

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Gerard Mealy
Communion Sun: Cora McKenna

Money Matters

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Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week takes place from Sun. 25th to Sat. 31st January. The theme this year is 'Called to Serve'. It is an opportunity to reflect on the question: *How do our Catholic schools in the parish instil 'the call to serve' within our young people?* For further discussion, prayer and reflection you are invited to an informal and relaxed evening hour 7½ - 8 p.m. on Monday, 19th January in the Presbytery, Ballinamuck.

2015 Offertory/Dues Envelopes

Please take your box of envelopes after Mass. Be a neighbour and bring their boxes too and drop them in their letterbox. By doing so you are helping bolster our parish finances. Those who don't use the envelope system but who wish to support of the priests of parish are asked to use the special envelopes available at the back of the church prior to Dues Collections. Please note that:

- your number may change from year to year;
- if you don't receive a packet of envelopes but would like to, contact any of the priests or a member of the pastoral council;
- by using the envelope system, it is possible for the parish, under the charities act, to reclaim the taxes that you may have paid for the benefit of the parish.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Today is World Day of Migrants and Refugees. In his pastoral message, Pope Francis reminds us how Jesus identified himself with strangers and outcasts: *"Jesus Christ is always waiting to be recognised in migrants and refugees, in displaced person and in exiles."* On this day we are asked to remember in our prayers those who have left our shores and also those who have joined us here in our parishes from overseas. Let us remember in a special way those migrants whose journeys were filled with fear, trepidation and hostility. In particular, let us remember the elderly Irish community in Britain, the undocumented in the United States and Irish prisoners overseas. Closer to home we remember those who are the victims of racism, human trafficking and those living in the direct provision system.

Baptism

Congratulations to Chad Peter Gill s/o Allan & Sandra, Monaduff who was baptised and welcomed into our faith family last weekend.

Ballinamuck Diary of Events

- **Ballinamuck Bingo** continues in Ballinamuck on Tuesday nights at 8.30 p.m. More local support would be appreciated.
- **98 Hall Meeting** will be held in the Hall on Monday 19th January at 8 p.m. All members please attend.
- **A meeting of Ballinamuck enterprise** will take place Monday 19th @ 9pm in the visitor centre. All members are asked to attend.
- **Ballinamuck Enhancement AGM** will take place this Wednesday 21st January @ 8pm, in the meeting room in the '98 hall. Everyone is asked to attend. New faces with new energy would be most welcome.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This coming week is a week of prayer for Christian unity. This year's theme is based on the words from St. John's Gospel: *"Give me to drink."* The theme comes from the churches of Brazil reflecting on the words of Pope Francis: *"Spiritual worldliness leads some Christians to war with other Christians who stand in the way of their quest for power, prestige, pleasure and economic security."* Increasingly in Brazil, some Christian groups adopt a competitive attitude towards one another. The encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman invites us to try water from a different well and also to offer a little of our own. In diversity we enrich each other.



"Speak,
Lord, your
servant is
listening."

The right to Offend!

Following on from the terrible atrocity in Paris last week, almost all journalists and media channels have been promulgating the right to free speech, even the right to offend. The **'group think'** within the media is so oppressive that an alternative viewpoint has no voice. As Christians, we have to challenge that view. Every **right** has a **responsibility**. If we are to remain true to the commandment to **love God and our neighbour** then we cannot in Christian charity claim the right to offend. No one can condone the violence of the gun nor the inherent violence contained in the phrase **'right to offend.'** Charity and respect are the essence of the true believer in Christ.

Social Dancing

Classes resume at the Community Centre Drumlish on Wednesday Jan 21st at 8.30pm. This class is for all ages (no age restriction!!) and all abilities.

Assimilation

It begins like water on stone--
with a drip
with a drip
non-stop
that rubs the colours off your face.
It is free speech, fast cars, and French fries--
New York in the eyes of a village boy.
It's a rat race;
It's lazy tongues, lost souls and a longing for home
without a home to go back to.
It's losing the language of your ancestors,
forgetting the prayers of your parents' gods,
and dreaming vain dreams in a foreign tongue
until one day it gives way.
Your lips parched;
You ask for water with a rounded mouth.



Anamika Nair