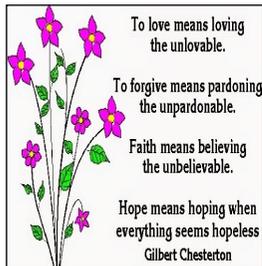


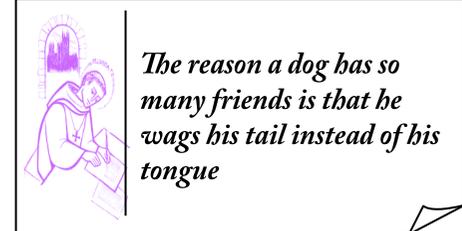
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Second Sunday of Lent Year C—21st February 2016



Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Hugh/Mary Kate Collum
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo
Fri 8.00: Mary Briggs nee Gill, MM, late Corrick Teresa Gill
Sat 8.00: Micheal Diffley, Drumlish Hill
Sun 11.00: Frankie/Monica Mulledy

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Josephine/Michael Kiernan, Bandra
Fri 7.00: Mick Sorohan, Fardromin
Sun 10.00: Mary/Dan McLoughlin, Shanmullagh

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Siobhan Egan
Sun: Sr. Kathleen Duffy
Communion Sat: Mary Gearty
Sun: Brendan Murray

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Ryan Forde
Communion Sun: Bridie Reilly

Offertory Collection

Drumlish €728, Lourdes Sick Pilgrim Fund €540;
Ballinamuck €315, Lourdes Sick Pilgrim Fund €291
Dues €387. Sincere thanks to all.

Think about it!

How far you go in life depends
On your being tender with the young,
Compassionate with the aged,
Sympathetic with the striving and
Tolerant of the weak and strong.
Because some day in your life
You will have been all of these.

George Washington Carver



- **Monaduff Social Club** social day will take place on Saturday, 27th February in Monaduff from 3—5 p.m. We look forward to meeting present members and new members are very welcome.
- **ACCORD is currently recruiting Marriage Education Facilitators.** Would you be interested in training to be a Marriage Education Facilitator? Requirement: to convey a positive attitude to marriage and easily relate to people. Would you like the opportunity to work as part of a team? If so, contact the ACCORD Office by email: accordlongford@eircom.net, tel. 043 3347222 (Mon. & Tue. only 10 – 2) for further information.
- **Monster Bingo:** St Vincent's minor football club will hold their 6th Annual monster bingo on Sunday February 28th in the 98 Memorial Hall Ballinamuck at 3pm with €2,500 in prizes and a monster raffle.
- **Adult Educational Guidance Service,** Coffee Morning - Meet the guidance team and explore your educational options. Tuesday 23rd February 2016, 10am-12.30pm. Further Education and Training Centre, Church Street, Longford. For further information: 043 3348177 - email: claegs@lwetb.ie
- **St. Christopher's Special National School** (4-18 years) - Battery Road, Longford. You are invited to our School Open Morning on Saturday February 27th 2016 from 11am -1pm. This is an opportunity to meet the Principal & staff and to view facilities available to suit different learning styles.
- **St. Patrick's NS Parents Association** invites you to attend their internet safety workshop, presented by Enda McGahern on Wed Feb 24th in St Patricks NS, Ballinamuck from 8pm - 10pm. Admission: Free. Topics Include: Challenges and Risks Faced by Kids and Teens, Overview of Social Media Sites and Apps such as Tinder, Tagged, Omegle, Instagram. Some take home handouts available.
- **Graveyards:** Please remember to remove any unwanted waste from the graveyards when you have finished visiting as there are currently no facilities for collecting of waste. Applies to all cemeteries.

- **Family Carers Ireland** are providing the QQI Level 5 Care Skills module in Longford on the 01/03/2016 includes Patient moving and Handling training. One day a week for five weeks per module from 9.30am to 4.30pm. For more info contact 05793 70221.
- **98 Hall Committee** meeting on Monday, 22nd February at 8 p.m. in Hall. Members please attend.
- **Fr. Jim continues with his Lenten reflections** on Thursdays from 8—9 p.m in his house on the topic of 'Mercy in St. Luke's Gospel'. All welcome.
- **Ballinamuck Enhancement:** Thanks to everyone who attended our AGM. Meeting this Wednesday 24th at 8pm in the Hall. Everyone welcome.
- **Ballinamuck Essert Twinning-** 9th -19th July: They will be in Ballinamuck this year. Those wishing to be involved or in hosting our guests, please contact Paddy Howe (0879613312) or Patricia Lennon (0860702874)
- **Mohill Computer Training** – Part Time Computer Courses: Starting on Monday 29th February this flexible part-time course is ideal for intermediate level computer users. Courses are delivered Monday – Thursday from 10am to 1pm. Call 071 9632024 or email info@mct.ie

Parish Mission

We have been specially blessed over the past week with the celebration of our Parish Mission. Our hearts have been lifted, our faith renewed, our sense of parish community energised. We say thanks to the mission team of Fr. Laurence, Fr. John and Sarah for raising us from our 'slumber' and encouraging us to go forward in confidence on our Christian journey. Thanks to all who helped organise the mission, especially the Parish Pastoral Council, the volunteers who provided hospitality, our musicians, readers, ministers of Holy Communion, those who volunteered for different tasks during the mission and most of all to you, the people of the parish and surrounds who came each morning and evening called by the love of God. These positive experiences and memories will help sustain us in the years to come when our numbers may be less and our faith continuing to be challenged. This is our time and it is a blessed time. Well done all.



Lent

Trocaire, which is so closely linked with Lent, high lights the ongoing 'fight for justice' throughout the world. Quoting Pope Francis: "A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just." A step back in time recalls the 7 Corporal Works of Mercy:

1. Feed the hungry
2. Give drink to the thirsty
3. Clothe the naked
4. Shelter the homeless
5. Visit the sick
6. Visit the imprisoned
7. Bury the dead

These are also forward steps helping our human family to be more caring, merciful and just. Have you opened your Trocaire envelope, read the material and placed your Trocaire Box in a prominent place in your house? To do so is to 'Join the fight for Justice.'

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 27th May to 1st June. Fully inclusive price is €715. Contact Joe Walsh Tours at 01 2410812/01 2410811. Flights from Knock. Details available for Special Section for the Sick contact: Rev. Michael Scanlon at 090 6457122. See poster on notice board.