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 Lord
I pray
to be Led to
and by you

Parish Newsletter

Drumlish & Ballinamuck



"To be alone in solitude, to sit with oneself, to hear one's silence, is to hear the purpose of one's journey."

— Maria Koszler

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B — 4th February 2018

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sun 11.00: Blessing of Throats for St. Blaise
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo
Fri 8.00: Patrick Doyle, Cloncowley
Sun 11.00: Charles/Noreen Kiernan
Josephine Duffy

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Mary/Michael Flynn
Blessing of Throats for St. Blaise
Fri 7.00: Molly/Paddy Hagan & Ellie/John Higgins
Sun 10.00: Mairead Lynch
Mary/Dan McLoughlin, Shanmullagh
John/Colm Gorman

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Shane Hagan & Conf. Class
Sun: Billy Kelleher & Conf. Class
Communion Sat: Joe Caldwell
Sun: Sr. Kathleen Duffy

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Amanda Quinn & Conf. Class
Communion Sun: Kieran Duffy

Money Matters

Drumlish €1575, Shrine €230;
Ballinamuck €295, Shrine €175.
Christmas Dues €380. Many thanks.

Deaths

Pray for the souls of Mary Crawford, mother of Carmel Gill, Gaigue, who died in Birmingham during the week; also for Mary Ellen Coleman nee Duffy, late of Shanmullagh and sister of Margaret Seery, Arva. May they rest in peace.

"Defend the unborn against abortion even if they persecute you, calumniate you, set traps for you, take you to court or kill you" (Pope Francis)

UPCOMING Events

- **Parish Pastoral Council** meeting on Thursday, 8th February in Parochial House Drumlish at 8 p.m.
- **Enrolment for St. Mary's N.S.** is open. Call to school for enrolment forms. Application forms for the academic year 2018/2019 will be accepted until Friday, 2nd March 2018.
- **Bingo** continues every Tuesday in the 98 Hall. **St. Vincent's Minor Club** hold a Monster Bingo on Sunday 25th March 2018 at 3pm in the '98 Hall in Ballinamuck, Longford.
- **Free Asthma and COPD Advice Line.** Speak to a specialist nurse over the phone about your or your child's asthma or COPD. Free phone 1800 44 54 64 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday to book an appointment.
- **Divine Mercy Conference**—Bus to the Conference on Sat 17th February, leaving Longford Cathedral Car Park at 8.30 a.m. To book ring: Liz 0876378619 or Enda 0879980615.
- **Drumlish Senior Citizens** Annual Christmas Party Fund has been nominated by Tesco as one of its 3 Community Fund charities over the next few weeks. Shoppers in Tesco are given Blue Tokens when paying for their goods. Tokens can be placed in the charity boxes in the store, one of which will have the Drumlish Senior Citizens written on it. We encourage all people shopping in Tesco to support this worthy cause.
- **The Irish Cancer Society** operates a free transport service for patients attending hospital for chemotherapy treatment. Volunteer Drivers pick the patient up at the door of their home, drop them at the hospital door, then when finished treatment, will pick them up and drop them home. Volunteer expenses are paid. Patients wishing to avail of this free service should contact their healthcare professional, visit the Society's website at irishcancer.ie or contact the Irish Cancer Society for more information on 01 2310 522.
- **Mohill Computer Training** – Upcoming Spring Courses: Call 071-9632024 (email: info@mct.ie). All our courses are supported by MSLETB.

- **Leitrim for Life** is holding a public meeting in the Bush Hotel Carrick-on-Shannon on Monday Feb 5th at 8.30 pm re: the 8th amendment. Speakers on the night Niamh Ni Bhriain Life Institute, Bernie Smyth Precious Life and Dr. Judy Ceannt granddaughter of Eamonn Ceannt 1916 Leader.
- **St Patrick's NS Ballinamuck:** Enrolment for new Junior Infants for September 2018 will take place from 1st February to 28th February. Application forms can be obtained from school office 043 3324063 or email Ballinamucknschool@gmail.com (9.30am to 1.10pm)
- **Monaduff Social Club AGM** takes place on Monday 12th February at 8 p.m. The social day in Monaduff is on Saturday 24th February from 3—5 p.m. New members welcome.
- **Community Games:** Mentors/Parents are required asap to coordinate the following Community Games events: Cross Country, Badminton, Table Tennis, Table Quiz, Basketball. Contact Sonia 0876248308 or message Drumlish/Ballinamuck Community Games Facebook.
- **Lenten Crusade for Life** - Join with people all over Ireland in offering up your prayer and fasting during Lent for the Protection of the Unborn. Starting February 14th finishes April 1st. Contact: Human Life International (Ireland) on 094-9375993 or email: mail@humanlife.ie
- **98 Hall Committee meeting** on Monday 12th Feb @8.30 in upstairs meeting room all members please attend new members welcome.
- **Parents Association of St Mary's NS,** Drumlish thank all who supported their cake sale and information event - parents/guardians, School Principal, Dial a Chef, Declan Corr, Le Belle, Holly Blue, Loughreys Pharmacy, Keanes Costcutter and Kiernans Centra for their donations. Total raised was €549.

All powerful God, You are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of you love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters harming no one. Amen. Pope Francis.

Important periods in your life

When you enter your twenties, you chase a career that other people suggested, recommended, or imposed on you. You are doing other people's purpose.

When you finish your twenties, frustration and depression - sometimes illnesses - begin to set in because you feel you have no purpose in life. If you find the courage to break the bondage, you go to find your purpose. You discover your passion and follow your dreams for a while. You feel bliss because you feel you have found freedom. You are doing your purpose.

And one day, God touches your heart and you put all your dreams at His feet. When you lift your hands and say: "Jesus, I am yours. Everything I am, use all of me," you begin to do God's purpose for you. You are finally free."
[Dragos Bratanu]

Register now for World Meeting of Families 2018

Registration for all WMOF 2018 events is open via worldmeeting2018.ie. Pilgrims can now register for the main three day Congress in the RDS, Dublin from 22—24 August, for the Festival of Families on Saturday, August 25 and for the Closing Mass on Sunday, August 26. There are registrations from over 50 countries at this stage. With just 30 weeks to go until WMOF2018 begins we are inviting people from Ireland to register to be part of this once in a generation event right here on our doorstep.

Mission Promotion

Each year a different religious congregation is allocated a diocese in which to speak and make an appeal. Fr. Charlie Timoney a member of the Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers) will speak at all Masses next weekend about their missionary work in places like Ghana, Zambia and the Philippines. A collection will take place to support their missions. See poster in Church porch.