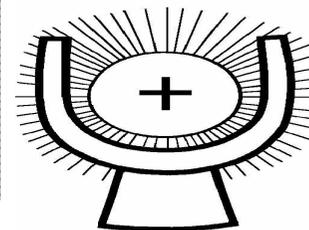


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Chains of gold are no less chains than chains of iron.

Francois Fenelon

11th Sunday of Ordinary Time ☉ 17th June 2012

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's

Sat 8.00: Nellie/James Mollaghan, Kilmahon
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo
Sat 8.00: Pete McWade, Mill Rd
Sun 12.00: Cemetery Sunday

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's

Sun 10.30: Marilyn McDermott
Fri 7.30: Johnny Reehill & dfm
Sun 10.30: Michael Mel/Mary Ann Reilly
Note: No Mass on Tuesday & Wednesday

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Darren Quinn
Sun: Dymrna Davis
Eucharist Sat: Joe Caldwell
Sun: Brendan Murray

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Kay Culliney
Eucharist Sun: Mary A Mc Nerney

Offertory Collection

Drumlish: p926; Eucharistic Congress p219
Ballinamuck: p331; Eucharistic Congress p74

Cemetery Meeting

Cemetery Sunday takes place next Sunday, 24th June with the blessing of graves after Mass. Programme as in previous years. A collection at the cemetery gates will be taken up to help with the ongoing maintenance of the cemeteries.

International Eucharistic Congress

✠ This Sunday we celebrate the conclusion of the International Eucharistic Congress. The final celebration takes place in Croke Park, with Mass at 3 pm. The bus travelling to Croke Park will leave from the Parish Church at 10.30 sharp. Please bring appropriate weather gear, drinks, snacks, medication etc.
✠ To help families who cannot be there, we ask you to take home a special candle at the end of this Mass (one for each family in the parish), which we ask you to light in your home, place it on the dinning table, pray together the Congress prayer (on the leaflet) and use the occasion to celebrate your faith with your family. Remember the old saying: *"The family that prays together stays together."*

Carers Association

The Carers Association are holding a Health Fair for Family Carers in the Longford Arms Hotel, Longford on Tuesday 19th June from 10 am to 2 pm. Checks will include Blood Pressure, Diabetes, Lung Capacity, Cholesterol, Hearing. As part of the celebration of National Carers Week, there will be no cost for this event.

Ballinamuck Enhancement Group

A community meeting will be held in the ø8 Hall on Wednesday 20th June at 8pm sharp, to organise a ðclean upð from Gaique Cross down to the ø8 Bar on Saturday 30th June. At least one representative from each household along this route should attend. This is our village and we really should take pride in it.

Station Mass

Station Mass for Main St. & Hill St. in Annette Kaneø on Thursday next at 8 pm.

Ballinamuck Community Association

Annual Church gate collection will take place on Sunday, 24th June. Please support.

Golden Jubilee

Congratulations and prayerful good wishes to Fr. Jim Sorahan who celebrates the Golden Jubilee of his ordination on this Sunday. Fr. Jim was ordained in Waterford on 17th June 1962. It has been our privilege to have him among us in this parish for the past five years. Thank you Fr. Jim.

Reflection

*O Christ who holds the open gate,
O Christ who drives the furrow straight,
O Christ, the plough, O Christ, the laughter
Of holy white birds flying after,
Lo, all my heart's field red and torn,
And Thou wilt bring the young green corn
The young green corn divinely springing,
The young green corn forever singing,
And when the field is fresh and fair
Thy blessed feet shall glitter there
And we will walk the weeded field,
And tell the golden harvest's yield,
The corn that makes the holy bread
By which the soul of man is fed,
The holy bread, the food unpriced,
Thy everlasting mercy, Christ.*

John Masefield

Prayer of the Eucharistic Congress 2012

Lord Jesus,
You were sent by the Father
to gather together those who are scattered.
You came among us,
doing good and bringing healing,
announcing the Word of salvation
and giving the Bread which lasts forever.
Be our companion on life's pilgrim way.
May your holy Spirit inflame our hearts,
enliven our hope and open our minds,
so that together
with our sisters and brothers in faith
we may recognise you in the Scriptures
and in the breaking of bread.
May Your Holy Spirit
transform us into one body
and lead us to walk humbly on earth,
in justice and love,
as witnesses of Your Resurrection.
In communion with Mary,
whom You gave to us as our Mother
at the foot of the cross,
through You may all praise,
honour and blessing be to the Father
in the Holy Spirit and in the Church,
now and forever.
Amen.



*The Kingdom of God
"is like a mustard
seed, which at the
time of its sowing ... is
the smallest of all
seeds on earth; yet
once it is sown it
grows into the
biggest shrub ..."*