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# parish Newsletter Drumlish & Ballinamuck



Perhaps you cannot be  
a star, but you need not  
be a cloud

J. C. Mitchell

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A - 12th July 2020

## Mass Intentions

### Drumlish

Mon 10.00: Misa Pro Populo

### Ballinamuck:

Fri 7.00: Celine/Thomas/Margaret Duignan

**Note: Because of the limited numbers permitted to attend Church at any one time, the weekend Masses will be kept free of bookings—those who wish to book Mass may avail of the weekday Masses. [Existing bookings will be honoured and we will continue to pray for your deceased at weekends].**



Offertory €1,360, Pentecost Dues €153, Holy Land €77, Trócaire €50. Thank you for your support.

## Readers for Next Week

### Drumlish:

Readers Sat: Rosa Collum  
Sun: Sr. Kathleen Duffy

### Ballinamuck:

Reader Sun: Nuala McLoughlin

## Confirmation & First Communion

- \* This year Confirmation will administered by the Parish Priest of each parish. Confirmation in this parish will be for 6th Class only and as follows: Drumlish on Thursday 30th July at 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. Ballinamuck on Friday 31st July at 12.00 a.m. Its important to remember that restrictions continue regarding numbers attending and social distancing.
- \* First Holy Communion will take place in Ballinamuck at 11 a.m. on Saturday 12th September and in Drumlish on Saturday 19th Sept. at 11 a.m.

He that stays in the valley shall  
never get over the hill

(John Ray)

## Places of Worship—Recent Government Update

Detailed Covid-19 Guidance has been developed for religious services. The Cabinet Committee reviewed the guidance, which state that an assessment should be carried out for each premises to determine how many can attend within the requirements of social distancing. The Cabinet Committee decided that where the size of the premises allows for a capacity of greater than 50 this may be permitted only where:

- ♦ Social distancing guidelines are adhered to.
- ♦ The premises can be subdivided into distinct sections (cordoned or marked appropriately) of not more than 50 persons in each section
- ♦ There is a minimum of 4m between sections
- ♦ Each section having its own entrance/exit route
- ♦ There are separate arrangements for elements of the service involving close contact, e.g. the distribution of Holy Communion
- ♦ Strictly no movement of people between sections before, during or after the service
- ♦ The premises is well-ventilated.

Account must also be taken regarding the risk of congregation by people outside before and after any services, having regard to outdoor overall limits on mass gatherings and arrangements for staggered exiting after ceremonies. The use of face coverings is strongly recommended for such indoor settings.

**Note: in view of those new regulations, particularly relating to 'subdivisions' it is not possible for now to increase the capacity of our two churches in Drumlish & Ballinamuck beyond the number 50.**

## Theology in the Loyola Institute, TCD.

The Loyola Institute is delighted to offer a new Postgraduate Certificate in Christian Theology. This is an opportunity to undertake three modules in one academic year. In the first semester the optional module being offered is Theology and the Arts (Thursday evenings). This Postgraduate Certificate can be studied as a stand-alone Certificate, or it can be used as a stepping stone to the MPhil. Scholarships available. For more information, please visit our website: <https://www.tcd.ie/loyola-institute/>

## Return of Public Celebration of Mass

A special word of thanks to the Covid-19 committees in both Ballinamuck and Drumlish for the tremendous work they have done and continue to do in regards to signage and preparing the Churches for the return of Masses. The people on these committees are giving of their time and energy and I ask all to give them your full support and cooperation and also to offer your services when and where possible. The 'new normal' is a very strange experience for us all and requires charity, patience and understanding on behalf of all.

- ♦ To help lessen the pressure on weekend Masses, I ask that the elderly and those retired to attend the weekday mass and keep the Saturday/Sunday Masses free for those who are working and unable to avail of the weekday Masses.
- ♦ I remind you again that the Sunday obligation to attend Mass doesn't apply during these days, but if you still wish to meet that obligation you can do so by attending any of the week day Masses.
- ♦ Those attending Mass in Drumlish/Ballinamuck are asked to sign in, using the book provided at the main entrance. This is to insure traceability in the event of anyone contracting the Covid-19 virus.

When attending Mass, please observe the following guidelines:

- ♦ Wash your hands before and after attending Mass
- ♦ Sanitise your hands as you enter and leave Church
- ♦ Observe social distancing, as marked
- ♦ Wearing a face cover/mask is recommended
- ♦ Enter by main door and Exit by side doors
- ♦ Offerings/Envelopes should be placed in the basket in front of altar at end of Mass on exiting.
- ♦ When receiving Holy Communion, please come seat by seat, starting at the front and returning by the side passages, while observing social distance.

Thank you for your cooperation and keep safe.

**SOCIAL  
DISTANCING**

## Ballinamuck Footpath

Ballinamuck has been allocated funding under the Community Involvement Scheme to finish the footpath between the school and the village. The community will have to contribute 10% of the full cost. This amounts to €24,000, some of which has already being pledged by local communities and businesses. The remainder will have to be raised by the community through donations and fundraisers. A socially distanced meeting will be held at the '98 Hall on Tuesday 14th July at 8.30pm

## Death

Pray for the repose of the soul of Frank Connell, late of Fardromin who died this week in the UK during the week. May he rest in peace.

## Wasting or Investing

### A Sower Went Out to Sow



packed soil



stony ground



thorny ground



good soil

Charles Francis Adams, 19th century political figure and diplomat, kept a diary. One day he entered: "Went fishing with my son today—a day wasted." His son, Brook Adams, also kept a diary, which is still in existence. On that same day, Brook Adams made this

entry: "Went fishing with my father—the most wonderful day of my life!" The father thought he was wasting his time while fishing with his son, but his son saw it as an investment of time. The only way to tell the difference between wasting and investing is to know one's ultimate purpose in life and to judge accordingly. [Silas Shotwell]