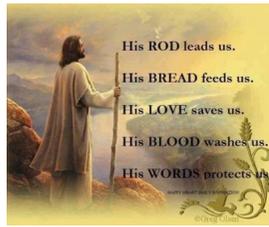


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"The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing."

— Albert Einstein

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A - 2nd August 2020

Mass Intentions

Drumlish

Sun 11.00: Misa Pro Populo
Mon 1.00: Kathleen Toole, MM, Derawley
Fri 8.00: Bridgie Mimmagh, Kilmashree
Sat 8.00: Michael/Helen Jordan, Cloncowley

Ballinamuck:

Mon 7.00: Sean Mulligan, Kiltycreevagh
Fri 7.00: Michael Fallon, Dernacross

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 €911, Pentecost Dues €65, Holy Land €44, Peter's Pence €55. Thank you for your support.

Readers for Next Week

Drumlish:

Readers Sat: Theresa Whitney
Sun: Annette Kane

Ballinamuck:

Reader Sun: Kay Culliney

First Friday

Priests and lay ministers of the Eucharist are now permitted to visit the sick and bring Holy Communion to those who wish to avail of this service. Due to anxiety re: the Covid-19 virus and the fear of group gatherings, some parishioners are reluctant to return to the church for now, but would like to receive Holy Communion in their homes—if so please contact Fr. Ber at 0868213422. If you are on the first Friday call list, but would wish to defer such a visit for the time being please call Fr. Ber also at 0868213422. Thank you. May God continue to bless you all during these difficult times.

Guidelines to the public Celebration of Mass

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. All receive Communion on the hands.

Thank you for your cooperation and keep safe.

Note: in view of recent 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.

Youth 2000 Summer E-Festival

Youth 2000 Summer E-Festival which takes place from 14th to 16th August will be unique, but hopefully one to be remembered for all the right reasons. It adheres to all church and government regulations regarding coronavirus: thus the content will be online, with as much as possible live-streamed and interactive. Register free at www.youth2000.ie.



Confirmation



Congratulations to all the young people from Drumlish and Ballinamuck who made their Confirmation during the week. While it was unique and different, hopefully it was also memorable and special. Thanks to the pupils themselves, to their parents and sponsors and to their teachers for the work done in preparation for Confirmation. Thanks also to those who provided the music and to the Covid-19 Committees who prepared both churches to provide a safe environment for the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation. The following young people received the Sacrament of Confirmation:

St. Mary's Drumlish N.S.

Philip Czaja	Rachel Connolly
Sean Corr	Harvey Devlin
Hugh Gallagher	Sean Gibbons
Ciara Heffernan	Kyle Togbe
Ciara Kerrigan	Ciaran McDonald
Aoife Murphy	Sinead O'Neill
Cian Soroan	Kirsty Walshe
Rian Walsh	Ashley Weafer

St. Patrick's Ballinamuck N.S.

Oisín Conboy	Caoimhe Donnelly
Alex Rose Forde	Luca Francis
Rhia Larkin	Niamh Lillis
Ella McGahern	Erinn McGee
Maria McKenna	Aoibheann McQuaide
Mark McQuaide	Emma Mulligan
Thomas Sheeran	

Taking it Home

Are you hungry? Do you yearn for something more in life, feeling unsatisfied with all this world has to offer? If we follow the ways of our society we will always be left still yearning for more. Only God can satisfy the deepest hungers of our heart. Will you let Him be your "daily bread"?

Reflections of today's Readings

In today's readings, we celebrate the great love of God, who not only gives us life, but desires to sustain and nourish us generously too.

In the First Reading, it is God himself who urgently pleads with his troubled, scattered people to listen. Through his prophet, he issues an invitation to a sacred meal. God offers 'water' for thirsty souls; 'corn, wine and milk' will also be made freely available for hungry hearts, without charge.

In the Psalm, one traditionally sung at meals, we praise the God who cares for all his creatures, supplying them with nourishment.

Paul writes in very stirring language, assuring us of the ever-present love and power of Jesus Christ. Divine love gives us grace and encouragement to live life to the fullest, even with and through the unavoidable trials and sufferings of life. This is the Christian gospel, the Good News! (Second Reading)

Even whilst stricken with grief, Jesus's response to the people is one of compassion (Gospel). He heals the sick and feeds the hungry, and there is still plenty of food left over to share. Jesus feeds the crowd in a way that foresees the food and drink he will offer us in the Eucharist.

Let's pray this week for courage to take the risk of really hearing what God is saying to us; what sacred nourishment he is freely offering us.

May we put ourselves into his hands, asking that he will deepen his life in us and in our anxious, unjust world. [*Jesuit Ministries*]