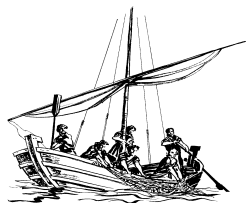


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Drumlsh & Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter



*Moving on is far
more productive
than hanging on*

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Temperance Sunday)—Year C—7th February 2016

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlsh

Sun 11.00: Patrick Doyle, Cloncowley
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo
Wed 9.30 & 8 p.m. Ash Wednesday
Fri 8.00: Fergal Mulleady

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Mairead Lynch, Kiltycreevagh
Mon 7.00: Thomas Rehill Jnr. & Dfm
& Creegan/McNerney Dfm
Wed 7.00: Ash Wednesday
Fri 7.00: Mary/Michael Flynn
Sun 10.00: Martin O'Toole
Michael Rehill
John Gorman

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlsh

Readers Sat: John Egan
Sun: Confirmation Class
Communion Sat: Irene McNally
Sun: Marian McNally

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Coleen Quinn
Communion Sun: Kieran Duffy

Offertory Collection

Drumlsh €720; Ballinamuck €353, Shrine €90
Sincere thanks to all.

St. Mel

Today is the feast of St. Mel, who is the patron saint of our Diocese. He is said to have been a Briton who came to Ireland with Patrick, with whom he worked until he was ordained in Ardagh. He is one of the earliest Irish saints and gave the religious veil to Brigid. He died in 488. Today, we pray for Bishop Francis, who is his successor, and for our Diocese as a whole that it may be inspired by and reflect the spirit and faith of St. Mel in these challenging times.



- **Ballinamuck National School Enrolment** for Junior Infants for September 2016 will commence on Monday 25th January to Wednesday 17th February at St Patrick's National School Ballinamuck. Enrolment forms can be obtained from the school office or by contacting the school at 0433324063 or email ballinamuckns@eircom.net.
- **Dromard/Drumlsh Community Employment** Scheme Environmental Positions available between now and March 2016-Job Reference No ES-998338. Eligibility to participate on CE is generally linked to those who are 25 years of age or over and in receipt of an Irish social welfare payment for 1 year or more. Contact Teresa McNerney 0861026252 or Thomas Gill 0868487548 for further information.
- **St Mary's NS** has been selected to participate in the Tesco community fundraiser. There is a tube at the checkout s in Tesco Longford with the school name on it. If you are in Tesco please put your blue tokens in the tube. Every little helps :) the money raised will go to our extension fund.
- **Parish Pastoral Council** meet in the Parochial House on Wed. at 8.45 p.m. Re: Parish Mission.
- **Ballinamuck ICA:** Next Guild meeting will be held on Monday night Feb. 8th at 8.30pm in the '98 Hall. New members always welcome.
- **Drumlsh Ballinamuck Community Games** Art & model Making will be held on Sunday 7th February 3pm to 5pm in '98 Hall Ballinamuck. Paper will be supplied. Each individual must bring there own materials for Art& Model Making.
- **Divine Mercy Conference:** a bus to the RDS Conference (one day only) will leave the Cathedral Car Park at 8am on 20th February. Contact 087 9980615 or 0876378619.
- **Monaduff Social Club AGM** will be held on Monday, 8th February at 8 p.m. and the 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.
- **Family Carers Ireland** will run the Care Skills module as part of the QQI FETAC Level 5 Full Healthcare Award due to commence on 23/02/2016 in Longford. For further enquiries please contact the training unit on 0579370221.
- **Bereavement Course:** A six week Bereavement Course will take place in the Family Centre, St. Mel's Rd. Longford, beginning on Wednesday 10th February at 8 p.m. The course is led by two trained Bereavement facilitators. If you are finding it difficult to cope with the loss of a loved one, this course should be of great help. For booking and further info contact: 043 3346827 / 0872843034.
- **Lourdes Assisted Pilgrimage Fund:** 2nd collection will be taken up after Communion next weekend: 13 –14th February.
- **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 <mailto:claegs@lwetb.ie>

Parish Mission



Apologies from Fr. Laurence Gallagher CsrR who intended to speak at all Masses this weekend to introduce and promote our Parish Mission. Due to a family bereavement he is unable to come. Our Mission

begins with the opening session in Drumlsh Parish Church on Sunday next at 8 p.m. and will conclude on Friday night, 19th February with a community celebration in Drumlsh Community Centre. The Parish Pastoral Council, with the help of other volunteers will distribute the invitation and programme to all the households in the parish over the coming week.

Death

Pray for the repose of the soul of Michael 'Mikie' Lennon, Fardromin whose funeral took place this week. May he rest in peace.

Lent

✠ **Lent begins** on Wednesday with the blessing and distribution of ashes. We are called to make a choice, a choice between life and death. *"Let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, that having sailed across the great sea of the Fast, we may reach, on the third day, the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Saviour of our souls"* (Byzantine vespers). Mass in Drumlsh on Wednesday at 9.30 am and 8 p.m. and Mass in Ballinamuck at 7 p.m.

✠ **Day for the Sick:** This Wednesday is also world day for the sick—we pray for all who are sick physically, emotionally and/or spiritually that they may be healed.

✠ **Trocaire Boxes** are available at the back of the Church for collection. The Lenten Trocaire Box is our reaching out to those who hungry, who have no home, who are victims of war and famine. They are our brothers and sisters—images of the suffering Christ. When we touch them we touch Christ.

