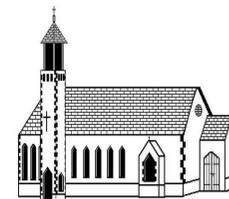
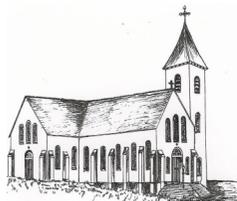


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There are no strangers here; only friends you haven't yet met.

William Butler Yeats

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A —20th August 2017

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo
Thur 9.30: Patrick/Elizabeth Kiernan, Monaduff
Fri 8.00: Mary Kenny/Michael Crowe
Sat 8.00: Cornie Bohan, Cloonaugh
Anthony/Vera Courtney & Courtney/Davis Dfm
Sun 11.00: Helen Ledwith, Mary St.

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Tom/T.P./Chris Donnelly, Kiltycreevagh
Note: No weekday Mass for the next week.

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Sinead Flynn
Sun: Elizabeth Devlin
Communion Sat: Joe Caldwell
Sun: Ann Davis

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Coleen Quinn
Communion Sun: Bridie Reilly

Money Matters

Drumlish €990; Shrine €265; Ballinamuck €383,
Shrine €97; Dues €95. Many thanks.
Drumlish/Ballinamuck Community Games €572.

Knock Novena

This Novena takes place in Knock from Monday 14th to Tuesday 22nd August. The theme this year is: *'Living Life to the Full.'* Why not go as a *'family'* to one or more of these events? The programme of events and speakers can be viewed on the notice board at the back of the Church.

Parish Census: Please return all completed forms so that all information can be collated and parish records updated. Thank you.

UPCOMING Events

- **Youth 2000 Summer Festival:** A weekend of fun, **Vacancies** now available with Dromard Development Assoc CLG on the Community Employment Scheme in Legga and Drumlish. Eligibility to participate on the Community Employment Scheme is linked to Male/Females who are 25 years, 35 years and 55 years of age or over and in receipt of an Irish social welfare payment for 1 year or more. Please contact Teresa McNerney 0861026252 or Thomas Gill 0868487548 for further information
- **Healthy eating cookery classes** will commence on **Wednesday, 13th September** in the Community Centre from 10 am to 12. For details contact Romie 087 2171109.
- **Bingo continues every Tuesday** night in 98 Hall at 8.30 more local support would be appreciated.
- **Midland MOVE** is currently taking referrals for the upcoming programme for men who are abusive in their intimate relationships. For further information contact: Cyril at 0861720564 or 096472174, email us at cyril.acse@gmail.com
- **Always wanted to volunteer overseas?** Learn more at the Viatores Christi (VC) - Information & Recruitment Session in DUBLIN on Saturday 26th August 2017 at 11.00 at VC HQ, 8 New Cabra Rd., Phibsboro, Dublin 7. All Welcome. T. Tel. 01 8689986 apply@viatoreschristi.com or www.viatoreschristi.com
- **Mohill Enterprise Centre** Open Day on Friday 1st September from 3pm – 7pm. Learn about business support, training, admin services and spaces for rent. Call 0719632024 for more details.



Wishing continued success to the organisers of the Marquee in Drumlish and to their great community spirit.

Ballinamuck Olde Fair Day

The 5th Annual Olde Fair takes places on this Sunday 20th August. We have lots of new additions this year. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Monster Bingo

The Annual Monster Bingo in conjunction with the Marquee in Drumlish will take place this Sunday 20th August in the '98 Memorial Hall Ballinamuck at 3pm. Prize money of €2,500 plus Monster Raffle on the day. All proceeds will be donated to County Longford Hospice Homecare. This service provides excellent, professional care to clients and ensures that they can be cared for with dignity and respect in their own homes. It also provides support to families that requires this Hospice Homecare service. Please support this worthy cause by coming out on the day or by giving a donation/raffle prize to any of the marquee bingo committee.

Death

Pray for the repose of the soul of Marcella Hurson, Clonsilla & Gaigue whose funeral took place during the week. May she rest in peace.

Congratulations!



Congratulations and best wishes to all the young people of the parish who received their Leaving Cert results during the week. Wishing you happiness and success on whatever road your journey takes

from here. Keep your mind and heart open the voice of the Lord—he may be calling you. It is still a great call—challenging, frustrating but deeply rewarding.

Foreigners-Pagans-Outsiders-Canaanites!

As we move into the twenty first century, the sheer number of people around the world currently displaced and living outside their home territory is fast approaching a staggering 100,000,000. The causes have been legion: wars, so-called ethnic cleansing, natural disasters, political and economic pressures, and, always, the hope for a better life. In the Jewish and Christian traditions we turn instinctively to the pages of the Scriptures for the strength, consolation, and motivation to respond in effective ways to this situation. Yet many who deal with the demanding practical side of caring for *"people on the move"* find limited time to explore and draw nourishment from the rich contributions which the Scriptures can offer. *"When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. . . . He shall be to you as the native among you and you shall love him as yourself"*. (Lev 19:33-34).

Jesus is concealed in the stranger. Easily the most frequently cited text from the New Testament on the topic of unknown outsiders are the words which will be spoken by the Son of Man at the Second Coming: *"Come, O blessed of my Father. . . . For I was a stranger and you welcomed me."* . . . *Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see you a stranger and welcome you?" . . . And the King will answer them: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me"* (Matt 25:34-35, 38, 40).

*These Strangers, in a foreign World,
Protection asked of me—
Befriend them, lest Yourself in Heaven
Be found a Refugee—*

Emily Dickinson