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*"To us, family means putting your arms around each other and being there."*

— Barbara Bush

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B — 26th August 2018

### Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sun 11.00: Helen/Dan/Dodie Ledwith  
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo  
Fri 8.00: Mary Kenny & Mike Crowe  
Sat 8.00: Anthony/Vera Courtney  
& Courtney/Davis Dfm.  
Sun 11.00: No Intention

### Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Harte/Dolan/McCormack Dfm  
Fri 7.00: Bernard/Brigid Bohan  
Sun 10.00: John Joe/Margaret Donnelly, Kiltycrevagh  
Patrick/Annie McNerney & Hourican dfm

### Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Rosa Collum  
Sun: Dympna Davis  
Communion Sat: Kathleen McNally  
Sun: Brendan Murray

### Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Nuala McLoughlin  
Communion Sun: Bridie Reilly

### Money Matters

Drumlish €1350. Ballinamuck €410. Dues €10

### Knock Pilgrimage

The Ardagh & Clonmacnois Pilgrimage to Knock takes place next Sunday. Blessing of the sick is at 2 p.m. followed by Mass at 3 p.m. This year the pilgrimage will be led by Monsignor Bernard Noonan and the homily given by Fr. Michael McGrath. This is a special occasion for our diocese when we all come together as a diocesan family to pray and seek God's blessings. No hurling final distraction this year!

*Congratulations and best wishes to Fr. Pat Lennon who has come back near his home as the new P.P. in Dromard and good wishes to Fr. Eamonn Corkery in his retirement.*



- **Monaduff Social Club Update:** The trip to Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford—Riverside Park Hotel—from 3rd to 7th September: cost €329. Single supplement €20 per night. The bus will leave from Ballinamuck at 9.15 and from Drumlish Church at 9.30 on Monday, 3rd September. Contact Mary Gillooley or Betty Creegan.
- **QQI Level 5 Practical Computing Programme -** Starting September. Places are limited. Call Bernie on 071-9632024 or email John at info@mct.ie .
- **Dromard Development Association CLG,** vacancies have arisen in Legga, Ballinamuck, Drumlish and Aughnaclyffe for Environmental Workers Male/Female on the Community Employment Scheme. Contact Thomas Gill Supervisor 0868487548 or Teresa McNerney 0861026252.
- **Drumlish/Ballinamuck Men's Shed** plan a trip to Titanic Belfast on September 15th. Contact Frank 043 3324485, Brian 00 44 7789 677921.
- **Gaels United registration** night will take place on Thursday 30th August from 7:30—9pm. All families are encouraged to register on this evening. Registration is €40 per child and €60 if 2 or more children in family playing with the club. Thank you.

### Successful Families

According to a study of more than 500 family counselors, the following are the top traits of successful families:

- Communicating and listening
- Affirming and supporting family members
- Respecting one another
- Developing a sense of trust
- Sharing time and responsibility
- Knowing right from wrong
- Having rituals and traditions
- Sharing a religious core
- Respecting privacy.

### World Meeting of Families

Finally, today we get to celebrate the World Meeting of Families. We pray it will be an occasion of blessing and healing for all families throughout the world. In the lead up to this day, pain and hurt has once again surfaced. At the heart of our Catholic faith is the whole story of salvation and redemption. If we weren't a broken and sinful people there would have been no need for redemption. But God recognised our sinful nature, our human condition and so he sent his Son Jesus so that we might be redeemed and saved. Included in that story of redemption is the call to each of us to recognise and acknowledge our sinfulness, to accept God's love, His forgiveness and to offer that love and forgiveness in turn to our brothers and sisters. It is to our shame that this message has been compromised and the Good News has been stained. Today is a good day to start again and to reflect the goodness and love of God in our day to day living. There are those who find this hard to accept as we heard in today's Gospel: *"many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the twelve, what about you, do you want to go away too? Simon Peter answered, "Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe."* Be strong in faith, sure in hope and rest in God's tender love.

*Thanks to all who attended our parish celebration of the WMOF on Wednesday last, and especially to those who helped organise or participated in various roles.*

THE GOSPEL  
OF THE FAMILY

*Joy for the World*

### Official Family Prayer WMOF 2018

God, our Father,  
We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,  
One family, in the Spirit of your love.  
Bless us with the joy of love.  
Make us patient and kind,  
gentle and generous,  
welcoming to those in need.  
Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.  
Protect all families with your loving care,  
Especially those for whom we now pray.  
Increase our faith,  
Strengthen our hope,  
Keep us safe in your love,  
Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.  
This we ask, through Christ our Lord. Amen  
Mary, mother and guide pray for us.  
St. Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.  
Saints Joachim and Ann, pray for us.  
Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us.

I recognize that I belong to the family of humankind, made up of all human beings of every race, colour, creed and ideology.

I accept my own personal responsibility:

- To replace darkness with light,
- To replace hatred with love,
- To replace suspicion with trust,
- To replace lies and hypocrisy with honesty,
- To replace abuse with kindness,
- To replace frustration with patience,
- To replace fear with understanding,
- To replace bias, prejudice and discrimination with tolerance,
- To replace ignorance with knowledge,
- To replace indifference with concern,
- And to replace apathy with action.

I believe that all men and women are entitled to equal opportunities to live, to grow and to flourish as human beings with dignity and respect.

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