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Parish Newsletter Drumlish & Ballinamuck



*What I gave I have;
what I spent, I had;
what I kept; I lost.*
Old Epitaph

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A —24th September 2017

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: John Joe Toole & James Martin
Sun 11.00: Brigid/Mary Corrigan, Main St
Rose Leonard, USA
Christopher McNamara, Mary St.
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo
Fri 8.00: Margaret/John Quinn, Greagh
Sun 11.00: No Intention

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: No Intention
Fri 7.00: John/Josephine Columb, Creelaughter
Sun 10.00: No Intention

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Kathleen Kelleher
Sun: Annette Kane
Communion Sat: Kathleen McNally
Sun: Pat Corrigan

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Coleen Quinn
Communion Sun: Cora McKenna

Feasts this Week

Wednesday: St. Vincent de Paul (1580—1660), founded the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians) and the Daughters of Charity (1663), the first sisters to work outside their convents in active service. He is the patron of all charitable works.
Friday: SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels: Gabriel brought the message to Mary at the Annunciation. Raphael was guide to Tobias. Michael has been venerated as protector of Christians in general and of soldiers in particular.

"The greatest saint is not the man who does extraordinary things, but the man who does ordinary things extraordinarily well" [Frances de Sales]

UPCOMING Events

- **Bingo continues every Tuesday** night in 98 Hall at 8.30 more local support would be appreciated
- **Register of Electors 2018/2019:** If you or a family member who will be 18 or over by 15th Feb 2018 and live in County Longford and wish to vote, check that you are registered. Register: 043-3343362, or www.checktheregister.ie.
- **VTOS:** Are you aged 21 or over and for 6 months (a) either you or your spouse have been in receipt of a social welfare payment, (b) have been signing for credits, © or you are a long parent; if so you could join the VTOS programme and receive business and computer training free. Contact Maeve 0872050589

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LANDOWNER	DAYBREAK	VINEYARD
WORKERS	MARKET	FAIR
WAGE	SIXTH	IDLE
GRUMBLER	UNJUST	FIRST



Am I a Grumbler?

Many of Jesus' parables are difficult. We are invited to place ourselves in the story. Which character do we identify with? To which group would we belong? Sometimes we find ourselves sympathising with the character who turns out to be in the wrong. God's ways are not our ways!

The parable of the labourers in the vineyard is one of those tricky ones. We are drawn into the story, and we feel some sympathy for the crowd who end up grumbling at the landowner. These early birds who were hired at daybreak have done the most work. They have toiled all day in the heat, doing far more labour than those who were hired only at the last minute -yet they all receive the same pay. It's hardly fair, is it?

But the landowner makes his point: 'Why be envious because I am generous?' Of course, Jesus anticipates the discomfort of his audience. He uses parables to gently pull the rug from under their feet, to challenge their assumptions, and offer them a new way of thinking that is focused not on themselves, but on the wider community.

Place yourself in the story. If you identify with the grumblers, ask yourself why. Why should we be concerned about what others are getting? Who are we to judge what others deserve? Surely we, too, should want God's love and blessings to be extended to everyone!

[Triona Doherty, Intercom]



Leftovers

Leftovers are such humble things,
We would not serve to a guest,
And yet we serve them to our Lord
Who deserve the very best.

We give to Him leftover time,
Stray minutes here and there.
Leftover cash we give to Him,
Such few coins as we can spare.

We give our youth unto the world,
To hatred, lust and strife;
Then in declining years we give
To him the remnant of our life.

- Source unknown

YOUR GREATNESS
IS NOT WHAT YOU HAVE,
IT'S WHAT YOU GIVE.