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# Parish Newsletter Drumlish & Ballinamuck



Look up, and not down;  
out and not in; forward  
and not back; and lend a  
hand

Edward E Hale

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A —1st October 2017

## Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sun 11.00: No Intention  
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo  
Sun 11.00: Hugh Donnelly

## Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: No Intention  
Sun 10.00: Hugh Donnelly

## Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Mary Ross  
Sun: Irene McNally  
Communion Sat: Joe Caldwell  
Sun: Anna B Corrigan

## Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Jamie Conboy  
Communion Sun: Bridie Reilly

## Mission Month

October is Mission Month. All members of the Church are called on to 'go forth' and make known the name of Jesus in their homes and throughout the wider world. We start then by nurturing the life of the 'Little Church' the family. "The great danger in today's world, pervaded as it is by consumerism, is the desolation and anguish born of a complacent yet covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures, and a blunted conscience. Humanity greatly needs to lay hold of the salvation brought by Christ." This year Mission Sunday will be celebrated globally on the 22nd October 2017. The theme is 'Reach Out, Spread the Joy.'

*God's Word—  
a Living Hope  
for the Nations*

## UPCOMING Events

- ♦ **Bingo continues every Tuesday** night in 98 Hall at 8.30 more local support would be appreciated.
- ♦ **First Friday:** Because of holidays the visitation of the sick and housebound is deferred until next month.
- ♦ **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
- ♦ **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](http://www.checktheregister.ie).

## Feasts this Week

**Wednesday: St. Francis of Assisi, 1181—1226,** abandoned all things for the love of Christ, founded the Friars Minor, and with St. Clare, the Poor Clares. For the last two years of his life he suffered the stigmata. Patron saint of ecologists.  
**Saturday: Our Lady of the Rosary.** Today's celebration urges all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, following the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary who was in a special manner associated with the incarnation, Passion and glorious Resurrection of the Son of God.

## Month of the Rosary

October is also the month of the Rosary. The familiar picture of the Rosary beads hanging on a nail in every kitchen is fast fading. During this month of the Rosary, I ask every family to make a special effort to pray at least one decade of the Rosary with your family each day. The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on 7th October.

## The Power of One

One Song can spark a moment:  
One Flower can wake a dream  
One Tree can start a forest  
One Bird can herald a spring  
One Smile begins a friendship  
One Handclasp lifts a soul  
One Star can guide a ship at sea  
One Word can frame the goal  
One Vote can change a nation  
One Sunbeam lights a room  
One Candle wipes out darkness  
One Laugh will conquer gloom  
One Step must start each journey  
One Word must start a prayer  
One Hope will raise our spirits  
One Touch can show we care  
One Voice can speak with wisdom  
One Heart can know what's true  
One Life can make a difference  
You see, it's up to you.  
Author Unknown

## World Mission Month

World Mission Day is celebrated every year in every country wherever there are Catholics committed to building a better world for all of God's people, a world where everyone has all they need to live a dignified and fulfilling life. It is the day on which we reflect on the urgency to proclaim the Gospel in our times. Missionary activity is a response to the love with which God loves us. God's love is the spiritual energy that can make harmony; justice and communion grow among persons, races and peoples for which everyone is searching. It is God, who is Love, who leads the Church towards those farthest away and calls us to be renewed from the original source, Jesus Christ, from whose pierced heart flows the love of God. The God of love is the source of care, tenderness, compassion, hospitality and interest in other people's problems, for spreading Christ's charity around the world.

