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Drumlish & Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter





"The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place."



__ George Bernard Shaw

Feast of the Ascension C — 1st June 2025

Mass Intentions

Drumlish

Sun 11.00: Misa Pro Populo

Ballinamuck

Sun 1st June 9.30: Private Intention Sun 8th June 9.30: Sexton Dfm, Kiltycreevagh

Cissie Larkin, Month's Mind

Note: Mass streamed Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10 a.m. Friday & Saturday 8 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m.

Ministries for Next Weekend

Drumlish

Word of God Sat Conor Brennan & Conf Cl.

Sun Margaret Prunty & Conf Cl

Communion Sat Mary Gearty Sun Pat Corrigan

Ballinamuck

Word of God Sun Catherine Carthy & Conf Cl

Communion Sun Mark Duffy



Offertory €1020, Dues €40. You can also support using electronic transfer if it is more convenient. Bank details are:

Account Name: Drumlish Church BIC: AIBKIE2D:

IBAN: IE 15 AIBK 9321 4006 6850 07

Please write <u>your name</u> on your docket when making a transfer because Box numbers change from year to year. Thank you for your support. St. Christopher's Services thank all who supported their recent Church Gate Collection of £840.

Today is World Communications Day

"I would like to invite you to be 'communicators of hope'. Too often today, communication generates not hope, but fear and despair, prejudice and resentment. All too often it simplifies reality in order to provoke instinctive reactions; it uses words like a razor, it even uses false or artfully distorted information to send messages designed to agitate, provoke or hurt." [Pope Francis]

Uproming COMMUNITY EVENTS

• Longford County Choir Summer Choral Concert with St. Mel's Cathedral Choir, Soprano Maria Matthews, Tenor Dermot Deely in St. Mel's Cathedral this Sun. 1st June at 7.30. Tickets €15.

- Mohill Enterprise Centre offers a new 5 week beginner computer course on Friday mornings beginning 6th June. Call 071 932024
- Cemetery Sunday is on Sunday the 6th July.

 Re: Ballinamuck—there is a skip in Killtycreevagh for people to dispose of old wreaths etc. For the old Cemetery (Church) bag items and leave along the r ear of the Church and Committee will bring them to the skip.
- A Talk on Swifts will be given by Larry Mitchell on Tuesday 27th at 8pm in the Community Centre (Yellow Room). A number of Swift nest boxes are installed on buildings in the village, at Mary Street and Hill Street.
- Tidy Towns work is ongoing and we appeal to residents and businesses to make sure their share of footpath frontage is weed, litter and cigarette butt free. Dog walkers must clean up after their pets.
- Mechanical Street Sweep is scheduled for Wednesday 4th June a deep clean would be desirable and that means compacted debris at kerbs needs to be loosened with a spade of hoe.
- Garden Open Day 25th Year Anniversary at Paddy & Mary Gillooley's in aid of Longford Hospice Home Care on Saturday 7th June from 10:30-6pm Tea/Coffee and refreshments will be served. All Welcome
- The Commissioning of all Pastoral Councils takes place on Sunday 8th June at 3.00pm in St. Mel's Cathedral. All invited to please attend.
- Carers Week runs from 9th to 15th June and there will be a special Carer's Service on Friday 13th June at 7.30pm in St. Mel's Cathedral. This Service is for all carers, paid and unpaid, in the community and is a service of appreciation for all they do.

Death

Pray for the soul of Michael Manning, formerly of Mill Road, Drumlish whose funeral took place in Spain. May he rest in peace.

Working in the Media—Print, Visual or Social



When sitting at your laptop or mobile phone or iPad what type of information do you seek and what type of information do you send? We are all aware of the role social media plays in the lives of many people today. For the most part social media is a positive tool of communication, but it also has a negative

side where people use it to exploit, to bully and to dehumanise people. Where do you stand?

Pope Francis adapted the Franciscan prayer that begins: Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace and adjusted it for those working in today's media:

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Help us to recognise the evil latent in a communication that does not build communion. Help us to remove the venom from our judgments. Help us to speak about others as our brothers and sisters. You are faithful and trustworthy; may our words be seeds of goodness for the world: where there is shouting, let us practise listening; where there is confusion, let us inspire harmony; where there is ambiguity, let us bring clarity; where there is exclusion, let us offer solidarity: where there is sensationalism, let us use sobriety; where there is superficiality, let us raise real questions; where there is prejudice, let us awaken trust; where there is hostility, let us bring respect; where there is falsehood, let us bring truth. Amen.

Some thoughts on this scripture

Even as he leaves the disciples and sends them as witnesses Jesus reminds them that he had to suffer, die and rise. As I face the world into which Jesus sends me I acknowledge that the marks of his suffering will identify me as his disciple. I stay before Jesus who lifts his hands in blessing over me. I accept his trust in me as he sends me in his name.

Jesus promises that his disciples will be clothed with power from on high. I think of those gifts of the Spirit that are necessary for me in my life. I pray for them and prepare to receive them.

[Extract: Irish Jesuits Sacred Space]

Ascension

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