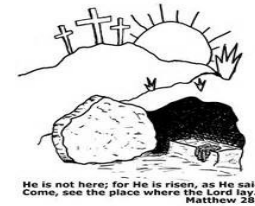


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Drumlish & Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter



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Easter Sunday—27th March 2016

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 9.00: Easter Vigil
Sun 9.30:
Sun 11.00: Brendan Forde, Kilmahon
Gerry Donnelly, Longford Rd.
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo
Thur 9.30: Christy Kennedy, Currabawn
Fri 8.00: Willie/Theresa Caldwell
Sat 8.00: Bernard McKenna, Cloonmacart
Sun 11.00: John William Corrigan, Main St.

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sat 8.00: Easter Vigil
Sun 10.00: Brian McDermott, Gaigue
Mon 7.00: David McPartland, Annaghmore
Fri 7.00: Packie Joe Lynch & Dfm, Lettergunnell
Sat 12.00: Terence Fitzpatrick, MM, Lettergunnell
Sun 10.00: Janett Cassidy, Fardromin

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Rosa Collum
Sun: Kathleen Dunleavy
Communion Sat: Mary Gearty
Sun: Marian McNally

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Kay Culliney
Communion Sun: Bridie Reilly

Offertory Collection (St. Patrick's Day & Sunday)

Drumlish €1600; Ballinamuck €625. Thank you.
Dues for the upkeep of the priests of the parish should be handed in at this time. Please make out cheques to the 'clergy' or 'priests of the parish'.

Baptism

Elliot Graham Kane s/o Brean & Rachel, 9 Glasheen was baptised and welcomed into our faith family last weekend.



- **Ballinamuck cemeteries:** A public meeting will be held on Wednesday the 30th of March in the 98 hall at 8pm. The meeting is to establish a committee / working group to oversee the running of the two graveyards in Ballinamuck .
- **National Spring Clean in Drumlish:** is happening on Saturday morning the 2nd April - starting at Gaigue on the Ballinamuck side and Kilnashee on the Longford side - meet opposite Drumlish PO on Sat. 2nd April at 9am. Can you spare an hour or two to help the environment?
- **98 Hall Committee** meeting on Monday 21st March in the Hall at 8 pm. Members please attend.
- **Ballinamuck Enhancement:** Meeting this Wednesday night 30th at 8.30pm in the Visitors Centre, open to all members of the community - everyone welcome. The first morning out is planned for Saturday 2nd April where we will start at Gaigue Cross at 9 a.m. and head for Drumlish where we will meet Drumlish Tidy Towns half way for a litter pick. All help and helpers appreciated.
- **QQI Level 5 Full Time Computer Application Course** is now taking place at Mohill Computer Training. Places on the course are limited. Call 071 9632024 or email john@mct.ie
- **Drumlish Cemetery Ltd** wish to thank Petie Prunty for organising the recent Longford Harriers Hunt & Auction in aid of the Cemetery Development Fund. A huge thank you to all sponsors, supporters and participants who made it a very successful day.

Child Safeguarding

In order to keep best practice re: child protection it is important that an adult be present at all times when your children are serving Mass. If you have agreed to be present, but for some reason are unable to attend, please contact some of the other adults/parents to take your place. Thank you.

Easter Wishes

- ☩ We welcome all who are home on holidays and who have joined us in the Easter Celebrations. As you rekindle memories with your families and friends, we pray that you will find a new energy in your life and that the risen Christ will fill your hearts with hope, reassurance and confidence in your onward journey.
- ☩ On behalf of all in the parish, a sincere thank you to all our parishioners who helped and participated in the Holy Week ceremonies. It was a lovely response and follow on from our recent parish mission. Special thanks to the Parish Pastoral Council, Readers, Ministers of Communion, Choir, Collectors/Counters, Altar Servers, those who clean and adorn our churches and those who helped at the Stations of the Cross and all the quiet and unheralded helpers who enrich our parish.
- ☩ We also celebrate the centenary of the 1916 Rising and in the opening words and closing words of the Proclamation we have men who are not only proud to proclaim nationhood but also their faith in God, unlike many of the Irish leaders of today who seem 'embarrassed' by the word God. *"Irishmen and Irishwomen: In the name of God and of the dead generations from which she receives her old tradition of nationhood We place the cause of the Irish Republic under the protection of the Most High God"*
- ☩ **Trócaire** Trocaire Boxes and/or contents should be given in at this time. Your support of Trocaire is the Gospel in action—having a special care for the poor and less privileged people in our world of plenty.

Life Is Stronger



Tomb, thou shalt not hold Him longer;
Death is strong, but Life is stronger;
Stronger than the dark, the light;
Stronger than the wrong, the right;
Faith and Hope triumphant say,
Christ will rise on Easter Day.

Phillips Brooks



Too Tough

"The road is too rough," I said,
"Dear Lord, there are stones that hurt me so."
And He said, "Dear child, I understand,
I walked it long ago."

"But there's a cool green path," I said;
"Let me walk there for a time."
"No child," He gently answered me,
"The green path does not climb."

"My burden," I said, "Is far too great,
How can I bear it so?"
"My child," He said, "I remember the weight;
I carried My cross, you know."

But I said, "I wish there were friends with me
Who would make my way their own."
"Oh, yes," He said, "Gethsemane
Was hard to bear alone."

And so I climb the stony path,
Content at last to know
That where my Master had not gone,
I would not need to go.

And strangely then I found new friends,
The burden grew less sore;
And I remember—long ago
He went that way before.

Olga J. Weiss