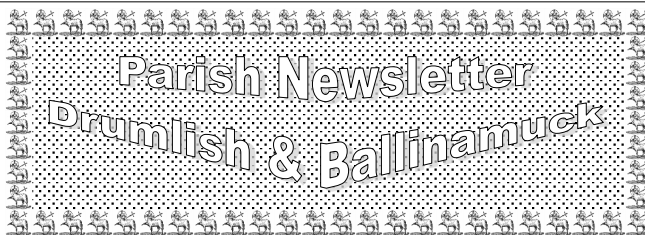
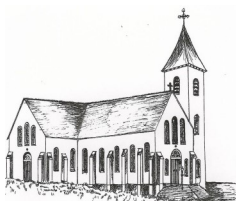


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*Whenever you discover
you are praised to the sky,
it's best if you keep your
feet on the ground*

6th Sunday of Easter Year A — 21st May 2017

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Pat McGee, Kilnashee
Brian/Pat/Maureen Collum, Barraghamore
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo
Sun 11.00: Mary Frances/Michael Francis Jordan

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Dan & Mick Sorohan
Sun 10.00: Anna Duignan

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Maeve Flynn
Sun: Parents of First Communion
Communion Sat: Irene McNally
Sun: Brendan Murray

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Nuala McLoughlin
Communion Sun: Kieran Duffy

Money Matters

Drumlish €786, Holy Land €278, Shrine €270;
Ballinamuck €280, Holy Land €60, Shrine €50.
Priests Dues €66. Thank you.

Parish Census 2017

The Parish Pastoral Council, with the help of other volunteers will drop in 'Parish Census 2017' forms to all households over the next two weeks. We ask you to complete the forms and return them directly the Parochial House, Drumlish or give them to any member of the Parish Pastoral Council by the end of May. Names of the Parish Pastoral Council are at the back of the form. Thank you for your cooperation.

Baptism

Tadhg Jacob Mullervy s/o Terry & Natasha, Derawley, was baptised and welcomed into our faith family last weekend. Congratulations to all.



- **Bingo** continues every Tuesday night in 98 Hall at 8.30pm.
- **98 Hall Committee** meeting on Monday 29th May at 8pm sharp in upstairs meeting room all members please attend. New members welcome.
- **Longford County Choir** - present their Summer Celebration Concert in St. Mel's Cathedral, on Sun 28th May at 7.30pm. Tickets costing €10 (Family of 2 adults & young children €20) are available at Denniston's, Farrell Coy, St. Mel's Cathedral Presbytery or from any Choir member.
- **Healthy eating Cookery Classes** will commence on 5th September. For details contact 0872171109.
- **Drumlish Tidy Towns** - A Mechanical STREET SWEEP is planned for this WEDNESDAY morning 24th May from 8.30 a.m. Cars and vehicles, if possible should be moved off street so that kerbs can be cleaned and swept. All help welcome - judging commences on 11th June -.
- **Bee Keeping** - a talk will be given by local Bee Keeper - Joe Sullivan at the Poly Tunnel (Main Street) on Monday 29th May at 6.30 pm. Joe donated a Bee Hive last year, and this year the Bees have arrived - Joe will be demonstrating on the evening and it is a great opportunity to learn something about the important work of the Bees and how honey is made.
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- **AGM of Bishop Wm O'Higgins Heritage Project** - Mon 29th May at 8pm - Drumlish Library. All welcome!

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from Saturday next, 27th May to Thursday, 1st June. Safe journey to all those taking part in the pilgrimage.

Vocational Training Opportunities (VTOS)

Are you aged 21 or over and for 6 months
- either you or your spouse have been in receipt of a social welfare payment
- have been signing for credits
- or you are a lone parent
If so you could join the VTOS programme and receive business and computer training FREE of charge.
Contact: Maeve Madden, Battery Rd., Longford at 0872050589 as soon as possible.

Deaths

Pray for the repose of the souls of Nellie McQuaide, Gaigue, whose funeral took place during the week; for Tom Rogers, Brucklagh and Bernie Gorman, Fardromin whose funerals take place this Sunday. May they rest in peace.

"How can it be that it is not a news item when an elderly homeless person dies of exposure, but it is news when the stock market loses two points? This is a case of exclusion.

Can we continue to stand by when food is thrown away while people are starving? This is a case of inequality."

Pope Francis



Parish Catechist & Parish Deacon

As we reflect on vocations to priesthood this week, we also reflect on the recent call by Bishop Francis Duffy re: Parish Catechists and Deacons. Further information on the Ministry of Parish Catechist is available from Fr. Nigel Charles, Boherquill, Lismacaffrey, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath. 043 6685847, email: nigelcharles2003@yahoo.co.uk. Further information on the Order of Deacon is available from Fr. Aidan Ryan, Ballinahown, Athlone, Co. Westmeath. 0906430124. Email: aidanfryan@eircom.net. See notice board in the Churches.

Cemetery Sunday

A reminder that graves will be blessed after Masses on Sunday, 11th June. Please ensure that all graves are in proper upkeep. All rubbish and debris should be brought home. Thank you.

A good Target!

*To get his good-night kiss he stood
Beside my chair one night
And raised an eager face to me
A face with love alight.*

*And as I gathered in my arms
The son God gave to me,
I thanked the lad for being good,
And hoped he'd always be.*

*His little arms crept 'round my neck
And then I heard his say,
Four simple words I shan't forget—
Four words that made me pray.*

*They turned a mirror on my soul,
On secrets no one knew.
They startled me, I hear them yet;
He said, "I'll be like you."*

H. Parker.