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Parish Newsletter Drumlish & Ballinamuck

Today, make sure that your encouragements are outweighing your complaints.

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2nd Sunday of Lent Year B —25th February 2018

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Micheál Diffley, Drumlish Hill
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo
Fri 8.00: William Connaughton RIP late Currabawn
Sat 8.00: Breda McNally & Vera Gunshinan, Drumlish Hill
Tommy Hagan, Kilnashee
Sun 11.00: Rose Courtney, MM, Drumlish Hill

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: No Intention
Fri 7.00: J.P/Joe/Molly Corrigan & Joanne Henry
Sun 10.00: Pat/Brigid/Nellie/John Smith
Lil/Alf Lynch

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Sinead Flynn & Conf. Class
Sun: Ellie Halpin & Conf. Class
Communion Sat: Kathleen Gill
Sun: Anna B Corrigan

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Helen McKenna & Conf. Class
Communion Sun: Bridie Reilly

Money Matters

Drumlish €956, Lourdes Assisted Pilgrims €553; Ballinamuck €475, Shrine €152, Lourdes €245 Shrove Dues €2011. Many thanks.

Recent Marriage

Congratulations and best wishes to Joseph Lynch, Lettergunnell and Jennifer Doyle, Edgeworthstown who were married recently.

Death

Pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Duffy, late of Lettergullion whose funeral took place in Ballinamuck this week. May she rest in peace.

Upcoming Events

- **Third National Collection WMF** will be taken up at another date.
- **DB Men's Shed Facebook** launched recently. On March 3rd DBMS are attending Dublin / Kerry game in Croke Park with visit to GAA museum supported by Longford GAA. If interested contact Breda 087 9181787 ASAP, cost €30. The shed will be opening shortly. ✆Jimmy+353 (87) 797 1000 or Brian +44 7789 677921 (uk mobile)
- **St Vincents Minor Football Club:** Nursery Programme: gives children ages 4 to 6 an opportunity to be introduced to sport in a friendly, fun and safe environment. If you are interested in helping out contact Enda on 086 8290649 or check out our Facebook page for the link to register. St. Vincent's Minor Club hold a Monster Bingo on Sunday 25th March 2018 at 3pm in the '98 Hall in Ballinamuck, Longford.
- **Bingo** continues every Tuesday in the 98 Hall.
- **A Youth Gathering** will take place in the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Longford on Saturday 24th March. Brother Richard Hendrick OFM Cap and Fr Chris O'Donnell will be present.
- **Drumlish Heritage & History Society** - history subgroup are at an advanced stage of producing the History of Drumlish and Ballinamuck that will be published this year. The society is appealing for the lend of old / ancient photos, be they of 'people', 'land marks' or 'buildings' that may have significance, for a short period - they will be scanned and returned safely to each contributor - they can be handed in to Helen at Drumlish Library.
- **First Friday:** the sick and housebound will be attended on Thursday and Friday this week.
- **Lenten Programme** in preparation for WMOF continues in Parochial House on Thursdays at 8 p.m.
- **LWETB open day** March 1st from 10am to 6pm at the Further Education and Training Campus, Church Street, Longford. Come along and see the part and full time options available to adult learners.
- **Breath Stretch & Relax** starts next Thursday in the '98 Hall @7.30 p.m. Contact 0872868254.

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Confirmation

We pray for the young people of our parish who are making their Confirmation this Sunday. We wish them well and thank their parents and teachers for all the work of preparation for this important day.

Family Prayer

Guide the work of doctors,
nurses and midwives.
May the life of a mother and
her baby in the womb be equally
cherished and respected.
Help those who make our laws to
uphold the uniqueness of every
human life from conception to
natural death. Amen

(Chose Life: Prayer for the Child in the Womb, Irish Catholic Bishop's Conference.)

Trócaire Corner

Trócaire has launched it's Lenten campaign 'Until Love Conquers Fear'. Fear is felt by millions of people around the world who can't feed their families, are forced to flee their homes because of conflict or are imprisoned for standing up for their rights. Love is the support shown to them by people here at home through the Lenten campaign. *www.trocaire.org*
This year's Trócaire Lenten campaign focuses upon the Koroma family in Freetown, Sierra Leone who were affected by recent landslides in their area. This tragic event affected the Koroma family in various ways and cost them their home, possessions, work tools and changed the course of this families future forever.

"I APPRECIATE THAT ENGAGING IN any conversation around the upcoming referendum is not easy for people. While I too find it difficult to talk about, the Gospel and my conscience convince me that I am obliged to speak. It really is important for us to affirm that what is in the womb are babies that are just not born yet. They are not potential persons but persons with potential. They are developing humans. I invite you to be missionaries for the cause of life. It is a noble cause to uphold the sacredness of human life."

Excerpt from the Pastoral Message of Bishop Brendan Leahy of Limerick