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Drumlish & Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time ô 25th August 2013



There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One is roots; the other, wings.

H. Carter

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Patrick/Elizabeth Kiernan, Monaduff
Sun 11.00: Helen Ledwith
Mon 9.30: For the People of the Parish
Sat 8.00: T. P. Davis, MM, late Currabawn
Sun 11.00: Tom Crowe, MM, Derawley

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Michael Cassidy, MM, Fardromin
Tue 7.30: Brigid Gilleese, MM, Drumkeeran
Sun 10.00: Fr. Pat/Michael Kiernan

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Kathleen Kelleher
Sun: Elizabeth Devlin
Eucharist Sat: Bernadette Noonan
Sun: Sr. Kathleen Duffy

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Darren Culliney
Eucharist Sun: Kieran Duffy

Money Matters

Drumlish þ1,113; Ballinamuck þ505

Moyne Community School

Moyne Community School re-opens for students:
Tuesday, 27th Augustô 1st Year Students only
Wednesday, 28th Augustô 1st, 3rd, 5th & LCA
Thursday, August 29thô All students.

Baptism

Caitlyn Rose Bohan d/o Tony & Martha, Ballinamuck was baptised and welcomed into our faith family last weekend.

Ballinamuck Diary

- **Tidy Towns:** Clean Up organised for tomorrow evening (26th) at 7.30pm, meeting at hall as usual. A lot of hard work has gone in to getting the Village looking well and we want to keep it that way! Litter is an on going problem so if anyone has any litter or dumping issues please phone the Longford Litter Hotline on 1850 434 450. Thank you....
- **Playground:** Meeting Wednesday the 28th @ 8.30pm upstairs in the hall. Just to update on everything really and consider some other fundraising ideas as we are still short of our 25% needed to cover our costs. Support please.
- **Ballinamuck Fair Day** was a huge success with lots of activities for everyone. The committee thank all who helped out on or before the day - the stewards, helpers, vintage displays, sponsors, anyone that gave donations, all musicians, dancers, everyone who sold lotto envelopes, Ballinamuck Enterprise, neighbouring parishes and all who attended.

Drumlish New Cemetery Fundraising Draw

The New Cemetery Committee are organising a Fundraising Draw which will take place in O' Reilly's Bar on Saturday 26th October. Prizes are 1. þ1,000, 2. 32" TV, 3. þ100 Voucher, 4. þ100 Voucher, 5. þ100 Voucher. Tickets cost þ10 and are on sale now, tickets will also be sold door to door throughout the parish between now and 26th October. For further information please contact any committee member.

Work for You

-Work4Youø set up by Acquired Brain Injury Ireland provides a free vocational assessment service for individuals who have an acquired brain injury and want support to return to work, training or education. It is free to anyone with an acquired brain injury, aged 16-65 and in receipt of a payment from the Dept. of Social Protection. Contact: 044 933 8773.

Death

Pray for the repose of the soul of Thomas McCormack whose funeral took place in Mulhuddert during the week. May he rest in peace.

Overseas Missionary Experience

Viatores Christi are seeking skilled people in good health who are interested in working as lay missionaries with Irish missionary priests, brothers and sisters in their work in areas of need overseas. If interested, you are invited to attend one of the following information and recruitment sessions:

- Tullamore on Monday 26th August at 7.30pm in the Day Chapel, Church of the Assumption, Tullamore, Co. Offaly
 - Carrick on Shannon on Tuesday 27th August at 7.30pm in the Breffni Family Resource Centre, Breffni Crescent, Carrick on Shannon
 - Cavan at 7.30pm on Wednesday 4th September in Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cullies, Cavan
- For more details contact colette@viatoreschristi.com
Tel. 00 353 1 8689986 www.viatoreschristi.com

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock takes place next Sunday 1st Sept next. Ceremonies begin @ 2.30 p.m. with the Anointing of the Sick and Mass will be celebrated @ 3.00 p.m. The timetable for those travelling by bus is posted in the Church porch. Tickets available at the Parochial House. In this *'The Year of Faith'* we might use this opportunity to express our faith as a family on that date.



Tax Reclaim

In response to our recent tax reclaim for all PAYE workers who contributed þ250 or more to the parish for the years 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 the Revenue have agreed to refund þ19,353.08 to the parish of Drumlish/Ballinamuck. Sincere thanks to all who reached the target of þ250 and who returned the reclaim forms. This is of immense help to the parish and I urge more people to use the envelope system for 2014.

Children from Catholic backgrounds unaware of God

As our young people return to schools and colleges many families are concerned about school expenses ô fees, books, uniforms etc. Apart from the academic considerations, there is also the *'inner journey'* or spiritual journey that needs tending to. Recently, in his homily at Knock Shrine Bishop Christopher Jones expressed deep concern that faith in God is pushed from homes to the sidelines, and that some children from catholic backgrounds are unaware of God and unable even to make the sign of the Cross. In his homily, he also revealed that many of these children haven't learnt any prayers at home and never get to see the inside of a church. Since the arrival of the 1960s, faith and family life had experienced rapid social change and huge challenges. For so many people, God and faith in God were pushed from the centre of hearts and homes to the sidelines. ôOnce people give up on personal and family prayer and on the Sunday Mass, their faith becomes weakened and even dies.ô As we come towards the conclusion of -The Year of Faithø where do we stand in these matters in the parish of Drumlish/Ballinamuck? We need to take encouragement from the words to the Hebrews in today's second reading: *"So hold up you limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again."*