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# Drumlish & Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter



*A bottle is the  
best container  
for liquor*

8th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) 6<sup>th</sup> 2nd March 2014

## Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Hugh/Mary Kate Collum, Barraghmore  
Sun 11.00: Breda McNally, Drumlish Hill  
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo  
Wed 9.30: Blessing and distribution of ashes  
Fri 8.00: Tommy Hagan, Kilnashee  
Sat 8.00: Lena Whitney, Esker North  
Sun 11.00: James Bohan, Cloonaugh

## Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00 Michael McLoughlin, Shanmullagh  
Wed 7.30: Tommy/Hugh/Michael Maguire & Pat/Monica Harvey & Dfm  
Fri 7.30: Michael Ward, MM, late of Cornageeha  
Sun 10.00: Patrick/Bridget Smith, Townagh

## Ash Wednesday

Ashes will be blessed and distributed at 9.30 am and 8 pm Mass in Drumlish and at 7.30 pm Mass in Ballinamuck.

## Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: John Egan  
Sun: First Communion Parents  
Eucharist Sat: Kathleen Gill  
Sun: Brendan Murray

## Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Cathal Howe  
Eucharist Sun: Cora McKenna

## Deaths

Pray for the repose of the souls of Mary 'Baby' Lynch nee Creegan, late of Barraghmore who died in San Diego and William Farrell late of Derawley whose funerals took place this week. May they rest in peace.

## Money Matters

Drumlish p830; Cathedral Restoration Fund p22; Ballinamuck p267

## Do This in Memory

Next Sunday in Drumlish we celebrate Do This in Memory and the parents of the First Communion Class will be responsible for Sunday's Liturgy.

## Temperance

This Sunday is Temperance Sunday. The serious problem of 'drink' was highlighted recently with the horrific stories relating to the latest craze 'neknomination' and requires some mature reflection. Homes, families and relationships continue to be seriously damaged by our immature approach to drink. Temperance Sunday, the Sunday before Lent, gives us an opportunity to reflect on the abuse of alcohol and its consequences.

## Lent

In business terms, Lent can be viewed an occasion for 'stock taking' and reflecting on our Christian journey. If you haven't already made a decision about what to do for Lent, consider the following suggestions:

- † Fr. Jim Sorahan will lead a prayerful reflection on St. Matthew's Passion on Thursday evenings from 8.00 - 9 p.m. at his residence.
- † Trocaire Lenten Boxes can be picked as you leave Mass. Lent is a time for reaching out to our wider human and Christian family.
- † Family Prayer, Stations of the Cross, daily Mass, fasting and acts of Penance etc. also form part of our Lenten preparation.

We make the most of this grace filled time when we open our hearts to receive the love of Jesus Christ.

**+Repent and Believe the Good News+**

## Ballinamuck Diary

- ☑ **Ballinamuck Enhancement AGM:** Our AGM is on Thursday the 6th March at 8pm in the 98 Hall. New members with new ideas are very welcome. Achievements of Ballinamuck Enhancement include re-entering the Tidy Towns, the erection of the new playground in the Village, but we need to continue fundraising to add and enhance our Village. Get involved & see you on Thursday.
- ☑ **Twinning:** Well done to the group of musicians and dancers who travelled to Essert this weekend as part of the St Patricks festival in Essert, France. As part of the twinning we will be welcoming our friends from Essert this July and anyone who wishes to host our friends please contact Paddy on 0879613312.
- ☑ **Ballinamuck Bingo** continues this Tuesday and every Tuesday at 8.30 in the 98 Hall. Nightly prize fund p1300 - come and play!
- ☑ **Ballinamuck ICA:** The March meeting of the above Guild will take place this Monday night, March 3rd at 8.30pm in the Visitors Centre. All members are asked to attend, new members are always welcome.

## Drumlish Tidy Towns

Drumlish village and all the approach roads are blighted with litter and dumping the past few months. Drumlish Tidy Town's have organised a major clean up from Kilnashee to the GAA Park in Monaduff for Saturday 8th March. All families living along this route and all the parish organisations asked to give a hand. One big heave will clear the verges in a couple of hours, Gloves, hi viz vests, bags and litter picks will be supplied - Meet opposite the Post Office in Drumlish for 9 a.m.

## First Friday

Next Friday is the first Friday. The sick and the housebound will be attended at the usual times.

## Pilgrimages

- † Lourdes Diocesan Pilgrimage takes place from 27th May to 1st June. See poster.
- † St. Mary's Parish Athlone Pilgrimage to Poland takes place from 2nd June to 9th June. See Poster.
- † Lough Derg Three Day Pilgrimage from 30th May or One Day Retreats from 3rd May. For Enquiries and bookings see Poster.

## Drumlish Cemetery Update

- Drumlish Cemetery Committee are happy to announce that graves/plots are now available for sale. Prices are p900 for a three grave family plot, p600 for a two grave family plot and p300 for a single grave. Further information is available from Brendan Daly 087 7717886 or Seamus Mimmagh 086 8622298.
- We are also holding a Public Meeting on Thursday 6th March at 8:00 pm sharp in Drumlish Community Centre to discuss progress to date. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Spring Stations

Stations for the Drumlish area of the parish take place at this time. Last year's response was very positive. The station Mass can also be part of our Lenten preparation. Contact Fr. Ber. Station for Breenrisk is already booked for Friday, 28th March.

## Trócaire

Please bring home a Trócaire Box. This year it features a young girl, Ernestina from Dedza in Malawi. From a country which has been saturated with rain we turn to Malawi where drought is severe and hence crop failure an ever present reality. Your Trócaire savings can help provide essential water for ordinary consumption and can also help in the development of irrigation schemes to provide food.