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Drumlish & Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter



Beware of half truth; you may get hold of the wrong half

2nd Sunday of Lent (B)ô 1st March 2015

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Hugh/Mary Kate Collum, Barramore
Sun 11.00: Breda McNally, Drumlish Hill
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo
Fri 8.00: Annie/Willie McNally, Cartron
Sat 8.00: Lena Whitney, Esker Nth.
Sun 11.00: James Bohan, Cloonaugh

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Mary Cassidy & Maguire Dfm
Mon 7.30: Margaret/Paddy Diffley
Fri 7.30: Mary/Michael Flynn
Sun 10.00: Michael McLoughlin, Shanmullagh

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers	Sat:	John Egan
	Sun:	Kathleen Dunleavy
Communion	Sat:	Kathleen Gill
	Sun:	Ann Davis

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers	Sun:	Coleen Quinn
Communion	Sun:	Bridie Reilly

Money Matters

Drumlish p287, Cathedral Fund p11
Ballinamuck p362, Shrine p65 Thank you.

Pope Francis Tweet of the Month: *"The family is the greatest treasure of any country. Let us all work to protect and strengthen this, the cornerstone of society."* Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex.

Diary of Events for the Week

- ♦ **Fr. Manning Gaels are hosting a Cardiac Screening** day on Saturday 7th March in the Clubhouse at Monaduff commencing at 5pm until 8pm. It costs p45 per person. Everyone from 14-40 years of age is welcome. U16s must have parental/guardian consent. Contact: Mark Duffy 0877610630; Bridie Reilly 0863332863; or any executive member.
- ♦ **Cloone GAA Cloonacool** players romantic comedy *Professor Tim* by George Shiels in the Cornmill theatre Carrigallen on Sunday night March 8th. The show starts at 8 pm, admission is p 10 and can be pre booked at 0860594310. Support please!
- ♦ **Mock Wedding 2** is taking place on Friday 10th April and the Chorus line rehearsal is taking place at 7.30 this Monday night in the Community Centre. More voices, men and women needed - all welcome this Monday night at the Community Centre.
- ♦ **A public meeting** will take place on Wednesday 4th of March in the 98 Hall Ballinamuck at 8pm to set up an annual remembrance of the Battle of 1798. We hope to have many people from the area involved and to make Ballinamuck a showcase for people who will be visiting Granard, Ballinalee and Ballinamuck as part of the Rebel Longford trail.
- ♦ **Monster Clean UP:** This Clean UP event is scheduled for Saturday 7th March next. The route will cover the most littered stretch from Kilnashee to the Fr. Manning Gael Football Grounds at Monaduff. Gloves, hi viz vests, bags and litter picks will be supplied - All parish organizations, residents, and business interests along the route are invited to lend a hand for a couple of hours.
- ♦ **Ballinamuck Tidy Towns Fund raising quiz:** many thanks to all who made this a great success ó those who came on the night, sponsors, Dillon's Bar, quiz master and the winners who generously donated their winnings to the tidy towns fund.
- ♦ **The March meeting of the ICA** guild will take place this Monday night March 2nd in the meeting

room upstairs in the 98' Hall, starting at 8.30pm. All members are requested to attend. New members are always welcome to join our guild.

- ♦ **The guild are hosting a Ladies night** with guest speakers on Monday March 9th in the meeting room upstairs in the 98' Hall, starting at 8.30pm sharp. For more info check the local notes on next week's Leader or on Ballinamuck ICA Facebook page.

Lent

Fr. Jim continues with an hour of reflection on St. Mark's Gospel on the Thursdays of Lent at 8 p.m. in his house. He welcomes your company.

Deaths

Pray for the repose of the souls of Dick Bissett, late of Derawley who died in Scotland; and Michael Diffley, Drumlish Hill whose funeral takes place on Monday at 12 noon in Drumlish. May they rest in peace.

Trocaire Corner—Mahlet

Mahlet (pictured on Trócaire Box) is thirteen years old and comes from Sebeya in northern Ethiopia. Last year, it only rained three times in this area. As a result, crops failed, people became hungry and animals were forced to eat dried twigs and cactus plants. This happened because of climate change. Each year in Mahlet's village becomes more difficult than the last because it is difficult to predict what the weather will be like. This area used to be green and swampy but now is a barren desert, a wasteland where nothing grows. As we follow Christ into the wilderness for the forty days of Lent, let us also remember young Mahlet and her family who remain in the barren desert throughout the year. Trócaire will be working with a local partner there towards installing a water irrigation project whereby farmers will have water for their crops and food for their families and animals. Have you opened your Trócaire Box?

Safeguarding Children—Newsletter

A newsletter, containing a message from Bishop Francis Duffy, on the safeguarding of children is available at the back of the Church. Its important that we keep up to date with best practice re: policies and procedures. Please bring home this newsletter as it contains important information on how our Diocese is safeguarding children. You are reminded again that Kathleen Dunleavy is our Parish representative with the task of ensuring that diocesan policies and procedures are implemented.

First Friday

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

*Hold a true friend
with both your hands*



What's in a Word? Transfiguration

According to Tradition, the Transfiguration occurred on Mt. Tabor, but some believe it may have taken place on Mt. Hermon or even the Mount of Olives. Various reasons for the Transfiguration have been offered. (1) that Christ wanted to bolster the faith of the Apostles prior to His crucifixion and death, so they would recognize that, just as His divine glory is hidden beneath His human appearance, so too a real victory would be concealed in the apparent defeat of the cross; (2) that the disciples would know that Christ is truly divine, with Moses and Elijah bearing witness to Him, and the voice of God speaking from the cloud; (3) that all Christians would learn to hope for their own glory, as they are being transformed by Christ's grace.