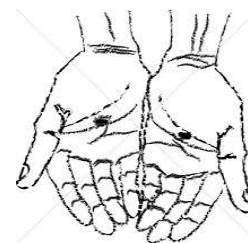


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The danger is not lest the soul should doubt whether there is any bread, but lest, by a lie, it should persuade itself that it is not hungry

Simone Weil

3rd Sunday of Easter (B) 19th April 2015

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: John/Margaret Kane
Sun 11.00: John Mulleady, late Derryheelan
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo
Fri 8.00: Peter/Maura Whitney
Sat 8.00: Tom Keogh, Cloonaugh
Sun 11.00: Jim Rogers Snr. & Jnr

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Harry Coyle, Shanmullagh
Mon 7.30: Thomas Sheeran & Dfm
Tue 7.30: Margaret Donnelly
Wed 9.30: Jim Holloway
Fri 7.30: Michael/Maisie Mallon
Sun 10.00: Dan Sorohan

Note: Adoration & Confessions after Mass on Fridays

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

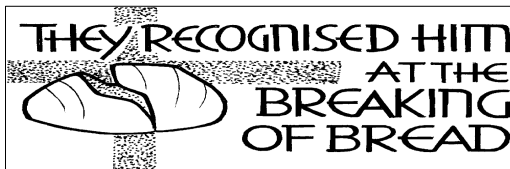
Readers Sat: Rosa Collum
Sun: First Communion Parents
Communion Sat: Bernadette Noonan
Sun: Sr. Kathleen Duffy

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Helen McKenna
Communion Sun: Mary Breslin

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- ♦ **98 Hall Committee** meeting on Monday, April 20th at 9 p.m. All members please attend.
- ♦ **The AGM for Ballinamuck** Community Enterprise will take place on Wednesday 13th of May at 8.30. All members are asked to attend and new members are always welcome.
- ♦ **Do This in Memory:** Parents of the 1st Communion children will lead the liturgy in St. Mary's Church next Sunday.
- ♦ **The Ceremony of Light** for the Confirmation Class of St. Mary's N.S. will take place next Thursday in the Parish Church at 7 p.m.

Death

Pray for the repose of the soul of Rose Marie Cummins, Brucklagh whose funeral took place during the week. May she rest in peace.

Mass for Ireland Knock Basilica

There will be a Mass for Ireland for the protection of the sanctity of marriage, family and human life and for the well-being of our country on Saturday 25th April 3 p.m., with stations and Rosary from 2 p.m. For further information contact Bernie on 085-1661754 or email info@anteaghlachnaofa.ie. Further details on www.anteaghlachnaofa.ie. Please come and unite in prayer for our country.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 27th May to 1st June, led by Bishop Francis Duffy. Fully inclusive price p710. Flights from Knock. Booking: Joe Walsh Tours, 143 Lr. Baggot St. Dublin 2. Ph. (01) 2410812. See Poster in porch.

Vocations Sunday

Next Sunday is vocations Sunday. Give this some thought during the week. Vocations are the responsibility of all believing Christians. Invite someone you know to consider such a way of life.

Baptism

Eva Alexandra Neary d/o Paul & Angelika, Mill Oaks was baptised and welcomed into parish faith family last weekend. Congratulations.

Monaduff Social Club

- ♦ **Monaduff Social Club:** Day trip is planned for Thursday 14th May to Birr Castle and to the Country House Hotel, Glasson for food. Those who are travelling should give their names to any of the Committee members.
- ♦ A meeting will be held on Monday, 20th April at 8 p.m.
- ♦ The next social day will be held in Monaduff on Saturday, 25th April from 3.6 5 p.m.

happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread

'Marriage is important - Reflect before you change it'

Within weeks the people of Ireland will be asked to vote in a referendum that will change the meaning of marriage in the Constitution of Ireland. Marriage is of fundamental importance for children, mothers and fathers, and society - all of us need to reflect deeply before changing it. We ask the people of Ireland to consider very carefully the profound implications which this constitutional amendment would have on the family environment and on our understanding of parenthood. We respect the views of people who

think differently to us, trusting that our sincerely held views, grounded in faith, will also be heard and respected. We come to this debate believing that the union of a man and a woman in marriage, open to the procreation of children, is a gift from God who created us 'male and female'. Reason also points to the truth about human sexuality that makes the relationship between a man and a woman unique. Mothers and fathers bring different, yet complementary gifts and strengths into a child's life. We cannot support an amendment to the Constitution which redefines marriage and effectively places the union of two men, or two women, on a par with the marriage relationship between a husband and wife which is open to the procreation of children. We are concerned that, should the amendment be passed, it will become increasingly difficult to speak any longer in public about marriage as being between a man and a woman. What will we be expected to teach children in school about marriage? Will those who sincerely continue to believe that marriage is between a man and a woman be forced to act against their conscience? Can a way be found to protect the civil rights of gay people without undermining the fundamental meaning of marriage as commonly understood across cultures, faiths and down the ages? Already, in The Children and Family Relationships Bill, it is proposed to remove mention of mothers and fathers from a whole raft of previous legislation. We encourage everyone to think about these issues and to vote on May 22nd. The effects of this proposed amendment will be far-reaching for this and for future generations. We say to all voters: Marriage is important - Reflect before you change it. We invite people of faith to bring this decision to prayer. In the coming weeks, and particularly in May, the month of Mary, we call for prayer for Marriage and the Family.

(Statement of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference)
For more information see www.catholicbishops.ie