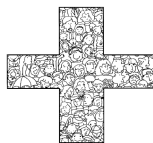


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Go into all the world and proclaim
the good news!
Mt 16:16

Drumlish & Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter



*You can't control the cards
life deals you, but you can
control how you decide to
play them*

Feast of the Ascension (B)ô 17th May 2015

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 11.00: Elizabeth/Gerry Brady, Months Memory
Sun 11.00: Joseph/Theresa Gill & Theresa McGowan
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo
Fri 8.00: Brian/Pat Collum, Barraghmore
Sat 12.00: First Holy Communion
Sun 11.00: Rose Marie Cummins, MM, Brucklagh

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Rose/Michael/Sean Reynolds, Gaigue
12.00: First Holy Communion
Mon 9.30: Griffin Dfm
Tue 9.30: O'Donnell Dfm
Wed 9.30: Mary/John Coughlan
Fri 7.30: Janette Cassidy & McGrath Dfm
Sat 11.30: Pauric Harte Months Memory
Sun 10.00: Patrick/Annie McNerney, Rathmore
Note: Adoration & Confessions after Mass on Fridays

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Bridie Mollaghan
Sun: Kathleen Dunleavy
Communion Sat: Joe Caldwell
Sun: Anna B Corrigan

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Coleen Quinn
Communion Sun: Ryan McGee

Money Matters

Drumlish p1234, Shrine p170; Ballinamuck p455

Rededication of St. Mel's Cathedral

The official opening and rededication of St. Mel's Cathedral takes place next Sunday, May 17th at 3.30 p.m. It is a great occasion for the people of the Diocese, Bishops Francis and Colm and the priests and people of Templemichael & Ballymacormack Parish. We pray that it will mark the beginning of faith renewal and a deeper commitment to our Catholic and Christian traditions and culture.

Tax Reclaim

The Diocese of Ardagh & Clonmacnois is an eligible charity for the purpose of the tax relief scheme for donations to charities. All contributions of at least p250 in a given year qualify for a tax refund. In 2013, the Minister for Finance announced major changes to the scheme. From 2013 all donations from individuals (**PAYE and Self-Assessed**) will be treated the same, with the tax in all cases being repaid to charity. Tax relief is to be given at a single rate of 31% to all taxpayers, regardless of the rate at which they pay income tax. If you are a **PAYE or Self-Assessed** taxpayer, it would be greatly appreciated if you could complete the forms for 2013 & 2014 which were posted to all who reached the target of p250. [Note: as you are not associated with the approved body named in the certificate, please **do not tick** the box at the bottom of the certificate]. It is a simple scheme which will greatly benefit the parish finances and at absolutely no cost to you. If you don't receive a letter, but believe that you qualify under the scheme, contact Fr. Ber. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Death

Pray for repose of the soul of Teresa Reynolds nee Quinn, Gaigue, Ballinamuck, and Manchester, England whose funeral took place during the week. May she rest in peace.



- **St Vincent's training** times are now: U10 & U 12 Mondays @7pm; U6. & U8 Thursdays @7pm
- **Volunteering for Mission Work:** Do you want to learn more about the possibility of overseas volunteering and/or training in Overseas Development & Mission? Viatores Christi (VC) will hold an Information & Recruitment Session on Saturday 23rd May 2015 at VC HQ, 8 New Cabra Road, Phibsboro, Dublin 7 Tel. 01-868 9986 info@viatoreschristi.com www.viatoreschristi.com.
- **Bealtaine Festival:** St. Patrick's N.S. Ballinamuck invite grandparents of pupils attending the school to a morning of lite entertainment and refreshments on Thursday 21st May at 11.30 a.m.

Aiding Victims of Nepal Earthquake

Sincere thanks for the wonderful response to last Sunday's appeal for humanitarian support for all who lost their lives and thousands who are homeless as a result of the earthquake in Nepal. A cheque of p1,689 was sent to Trocaire specifying that the money is to be used for the suffering people of Nepal.

Just a Thought!

Casting our vote should be an issue of conscience for Catholics. We must decide what is good for society. When our bishops speak to Catholics they are not simply another pressure group. They are teachers of the faith. When they issue pastoral guidance for an election or referendum we should read what they have to say and give it serious consideration. We should be prepared to listen more carefully to the bishops than to the editorial line in the media. The bishops say, we cannot support an amendment to the Constitution which redefines marriage. In the polling booth, we have to make a moral choice on what we believe is for the good our society and its future. (Fr. J. Harris D.D)

Message from Bishop Francis Duffy (Third of Three weekend messages)

Married love is a unique form of love between a man and a woman which has a special benefit for society. The word 'unique' is an attractive word because it means there is something special and impressive about it; what is unique should be cared for and protected. Uniqueness is not about equality but about valuing what is distinct and different; distinguishing does not mean discriminating. Not many are saying 'no' publicly and those that are, risk being ridiculed. Fear of social disapproval can lend itself to poor decision making. It is important to reflect deeply on this issue and vote for what you consider the best option. After the referendum the Church continues to support all people and families with its message of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Francis Duffy, Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois
Further details at www.meaningofmarriage.ie



Just for today

This day will only come once. Challenge yourself by saying, 'Just for today I will enjoy each moment to the fullest, and try not to tackle all life's problems at once. Just for today I will try to enjoy every one of God's blessings.'

**Marriage is important:
reflect
before you change it**