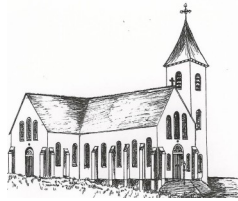


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"Give a bowl of rice to a man and you will feed him for a day. Teach him how to grow his own rice and you will save his life."
— Confucius

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time—16th August 2015

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Vera Doyle, Cloncowley
Sun 11.00: Christy King RIP
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo
Sat 8.00: Claire/Seamus Greene
Sun 11.00: Helen Ledwith, Mary St.

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: McNamee Dfm, Drumkeeran

Eucharistic Adoration on Friday after 7.30 Mass

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Declan Mimmagh
Sun: Irene McNally

Communion Sat: Kathleen Gill
Sun: Pat Corrigan

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Ryan Forde
Communion Sun: Cora McKenna

Money Matters

Drumlish €721, Peter's Pence €20; Ballinamuck €295

- ♦ Irish Kidney Association thank you for €620
- ♦ Longford Women's Link thank you for €155.21

Knock Counselling Centre

Knock Counselling Centre provides a confidential Drop – In listening service for pilgrims and visitors to Our Lady's Shrine of Knock on weekends from April to October. The Centre is open Saturdays and Sundays, 11am to 5pm, offering people the opportunity to discuss personal issues and difficulties in a caring environment. Call 094 9375032 or visit www.knock-shrine.ie/counselling or just call into the Centre – no appointment needed. A donation is appreciated towards the provision of this service

Ballinamuck Olde Fair Day

☉This takes place on Sunday 16th Aug 2015, Ballinamuck, with Vintage Parade from Gaigue Cross to the 98 Bar @1.30pm. We have lots of fun for all the Family and adm. is free.
☉Volunteers Night Out: There will be a meeting for all volunteers who are willing to help at the Fair Day on Wednesday August 12th at 8pm in the lounge of the '98 Bar. Please support.

Monster Bingo

In aid of "Cardiac Risk In The Young & Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust" in conjunction with the Marquee in Drumlish on Sunday August 16th @3pm in the '98 Memorial Hall, Ballinamuck. €2500 in prize money also Monster Raffle on the day. All proceeds will go to these two worthy organisations-please support.

National Eucharistic Congress

A National Eucharistic Congress (NEC) will be held in Knock on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th September. The theme is '*Christ our Hope*'. This is a follow on from the International Eucharistic Congress of 2012 and is also a preparation for the next congress to be held in Cebu, the Philippines in January 2016.

Congratulations and Farewell!

To mark the Silver Jubilee of the ordination of Fr. Patsy McDermott and also his recent appointment to Killashee Parish, there will be a simple parish get together in the 98 Hall, Ballinamuck on Saturday, 5th September at 7.30 pm. More details later.

Viatores Christi—Volunteers for Christ

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 22nd August 2015 at 10.00 at VC HQ, 8 New Cabra Road, Phibsboro, Dublin 7 Tel. 01-868 9986 www.viatoreschristi.com

Weddings

Congratulations and best wishes to Kerry Tobin and John Brady, Cairn Hill View and to Colin O'Hara, Kiltycreevagh & Rachel Farrell, Sligo who were married in the past week. We wish them every joy and happiness.

Lough Derg

The One Day Retreat Season recommences on 17th August and continues to 20th September. Dates of the One Day Retreat are posted on notice board at back of the Church. The retreat is an invitation to "*step away from the routine of a normal day*" and offers an opportunity to connect with the sacred Island, walk on hallowed ground, breathe in the atmosphere and feel the energy of centuries of prayer. Booking essential.

Well Done

Congratulations to all the young people from the Parish who got their Leaving Cert results during the week. We wish you well in whatever direction life leads you. In your search, don't dismiss the idea that God may be calling you to work in his vineyard.

A Thought for Students, Parents & Teachers

"We've bought into the idea that education is about training and "success", defined monetarily, rather than learning to think critically and to challenge. We should not forget that the true purpose of education is to make minds, not careers. A culture that does not grasp the vital interplay between morality and power, which mistakes management techniques for wisdom, which fails to understand that the measure of a civilization is its compassion, not its speed or ability to consume, condemns itself to death."

— Chris Hedges, *Empire of Illusion: The End of Literacy and the Triumph of Spectacle*

God is
Love.

The Eucharistic Prayer repeats/ renews the BLESSING PRAYER of Christ at the Last Supper.



Last week we saw that the Liturgy of the Eucharist repeats in a ritual or ceremonial way the four actions of Jesus at the Last

Supper — he took blessed, broke and shared
At the heart of the Mass, we repeat the second action of Jesus at the Last Supper — he BLESSED. This part is called the Eucharistic Prayer and it is a solemn prayer of blessing and thanksgiving. For the first part, called the Preface, we stand. Then the priest calls down the Holy Spirit on the bread and wine and recalls again the story of the Last Supper in the part called the Consecration. This is the moment when we believe that Christ the Risen Lord becomes truly present under the appearance of bread/wine. The priest then offers Christ to his Father and prays for the living and the dead. At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, the people answer AMEN

Healing our Hungers

He began His ministry by being hungry, yet He is the Bread of Life
Jesus ended His earthly ministry by being thirsty, yet He is the Living Water.
Jesus was weary, yet He is our rest.
Jesus paid tribute, yet He is the King.
Jesus was accused of having a demon, yet He cast out demons.
Jesus wept, yet He wipes away our tears.
Jesus was sold for thirty pieces of silver, yet He redeemed the world.
Jesus was brought as a lamb to the slaughter, yet He is the Good Shepherd.
Jesus died, yet by His death He destroyed the power of death. [Gregory of Nazianzus, A.D. 381]