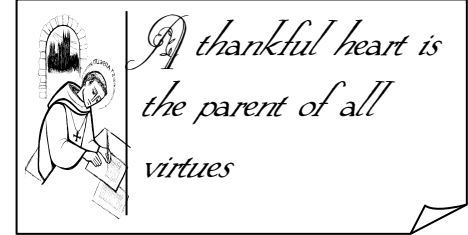


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# Drumlish & Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter



*A thankful heart is  
the parent of all  
virtues*

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time—20th September 2015

## Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Mary Kenny, MM, Mill Road  
Mike Crowe, MM, Currabawn  
Sun 11.00: Jim Pat Lennon, Kilmahon  
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo  
Fri 8.00: Patrick/Elizabeth Kiernan, Monaduff  
Sat 8.00: John Joe Toole & James Martin  
Sun 11.00: Brigid/Mary Corrigan, Main St

## Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Teresa/Nancy Prunty  
Fri 7.00: Sean Mulligan, MM, Kiltycreevagh  
Sun 10.00:  
**Note: Because of the new pastoral situation, and because of the 8 p.m. Mass in Drumlish, it is necessary to change the Friday evening Mass in Ballinamuck to 7 p.m. so that if necessary one priest can cover both Masses.**

## Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Siobhan Egan  
Sun: Ellie Halpin  
Communion Sat: Irene McNally  
Sun: Brendan Murray

## Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Kay Culliney  
Communion Sun: Kieran Duffy

## Money Matters

- Drumlish €671; Ballinamuck €355
- Thanks for the Harvest Dues. Special envelopes are available at the back of the Church for those who don't use the regular envelope system..

## 98 Memorial Hall

- The AGM will take place on Monday, 5th October at 8 pm. New members required to ensure the continued day to day running of the Hall.
- Any group or organisation wishing to use the Hall for any function or meeting **must** book with Adrian on 0877056605 beforehand.

## Harvest Thanksgiving

This Sunday, in St. Mary's Drumlish, we celebrate with thanksgiving the harvest fruits which sustain and nourish us during the year. A special word of thanks to Kathleen Dunleavy and her co-helpers who organised today's celebration. The organising committee invite you to the Parochial House after this Mass to eat and drink of the fruits of the harvest.

## ACCORD

♥ **Getting Married!** Planning to get married early in 2016: There are still some spaces available on the Longford ACCORD Pre-Marriage Course for 16th and 19th November 2015. There will be no marriage preparation courses until February 2016. For further information contact ACCORD Longford on 043 3347222 or book on-line [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

♥ **Counselling Service:** ACCORD also provides a professional marriage and relationship counselling service for couples, experiencing difficulties in their marriage and relationships. ACCORD provides a safe place to explore relationship difficulties in a confidential, respectful and non-judgemental setting. Contact ACCORD Longford on 043 3347222.

## Youth 2000 Autumn Retreat

The Youth 2000 Connaught retreat will take place in Summerhill College, Sligo from Friday 2nd October to Sunday 4th October. It is an opportunity for young people (16-35 yrs) to take some time out of their regular routine and have an experience like no other! There promises to be an action packed programme consisting of workshops, testimonies, music, drama, prayer, talks and chill out time. For more information, visit [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) or contact 086-2150607 (on-line booking recommended). See Poster in Church.

## Choir

We welcome the Drumlish choir back this weekend. New members are most welcome. Practices on Thursday evenings. Why not give it a go!

## Year of Consecrated Life 2015

When Pope Francis announced the Year for Consecrated Life, which began on 30th November 2014 and concludes on 2nd February 2016, he highlighted three aims:

1. The first of these aims is to look to the past with gratitude. May this Year be an occasion for bearing vigorous and joyful witness before the world to the holiness and vitality present in so many of those called to follow Jesus in the consecrated life.
2. This Year also calls us to live the present with passion. Grateful remembrance of the past leads us, as we listen attentively to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church today, to implement ever more fully the essential aspects of our consecrated life.
3. To embrace the future with hope should be the third aim of this Year. We all know the difficulties which the various forms of consecrated life are currently experiencing: decreasing vocations and aging members, particularly in the Western world; economic problems stemming from the global financial crisis; issues of internationalization and globalization; the threats posed by relativism and a sense of isolation and social irrelevance... But it is precisely amid these uncertainties, which we share with so many of our contemporaries, that we are called to practice the virtue of hope, the fruit of our faith in the Lord of history, who continues to tell us: "Be not afraid... for I am with you" (Jer 1:8). On Sunday, 25th October, Bishop Francis Duffy, will be the main celebrant at Mass in St. Mary's Drumlish as we honour the aims highlighted by Pope Francis and to pray for vocations. Also at this Mass, we recall all the priests, sisters and brothers from the Parish of Drumlish & Ballinamuck who were called built up the Kingdom of God over the years and throughout the world. Relatives of those priests, sisters and brother will carry a lighted candle on that day and partake in the Readings, Gifts procession and Communion Reflection. Pray for Vocations.

## National Eucharistic Congress 2015

"Christ Our Hope" is the theme for the National Eucharistic Congress 2015 which takes place in Knock this coming weekend from 26th—27th September. The Congress which is free of charge, will have a particular focus on marriage and the family as well as the Year of Consecrated Life 2015 and the upcoming Jubilee of Mercy. Copies of the programme are available at the back of the Church.

## Ballinamuck ICA

Ballinamuck ICA Guild are hosting a Coffee/Tea morning with a selection of scones, in the '98 Hall, Ballinamuck after Mass on Sunday October 4th, in aid of the Irish Heart Foundation. Please support

## A Father's Prayer

*A careful man I ought to be,  
A little fellow follows me.  
I do not dare to go astray  
For fear he'll go the self-same way.  
I cannot once escape his eyes,  
What e're he sees me do he tries.  
Like me he says he's going to be—  
The little chap that follows me.  
He thinks that I am good and fine,  
Believes in every word of mine.  
The base in me he must not see—  
The little chap who follows me.  
I must remember as I go,  
Thru summer's sun and winter's snow  
I'm building for the years to be—  
That little chap who follows me.*