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Drumlish & Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter



Don't bless with the tip of your tongue if there's bile at the butt

Third Sunday of Lent Year C—28th February 2016

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Micheal Diffley, Drumlish Hill
Sun 11.00: Frankie/Monica Mulleady
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo
Fri 8.00: Tommy Hagan, Kilnashee
Sat 8.00: Lena Whitney, Esker North
Breda McNally, Drumlish Hill
Sun 11.00: Do This in Memory

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Mary/Dan McLoughlin, Shanmullagh
Fri 7.00: Mike Lennon, MM, Fardomin
Sun 10.00: Pat/Brigid/Nellie Smith, Townagh
Mary Cassidy, Aughadowerly

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Theresa Scholfield
Sun: First Communion Parents
Communion Sat: Joe Caldwell
Sun: Sr. Kathleen Duffy

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Nuala McLoughlin
Communion Sun: Ryan McGee

Offertory Collection

Drumlish €694, Lenten Alms €404
Ballinamuck €310, Lenten Alms €140
Parish Mission Collection €4,190
Priests Dues €262
Sincere thanks to all for your generous support.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 27th May to 1st June. Fully inclusive price is €715. Contact Joe Walsh Tours at 01 2410812/01 2410811. Flights from Knock. Details available for Special Section for the Sick contact: Rev. Michael Scanlon at 090 6457122. See poster on notice board.



- ♦ **ACCORD** is currently recruiting individuals to train to be a Marriage Education Facilitator OR Relationship Counsellor – do you have the ability to convey a positive attitude to marriage, can easily relate to people and are willing to commit to training. If so, contact the ACCORD Office by email: accordlongford@eircom.net mailto:accordlongford@eircom.net or telephone 043 3347222 (Monday & Tuesday only 10am – 2pm) for further information.
- ♦ **Fr. Jim continues with his Lenten reflections** on Thursdays from 8—9 p.m in his house on the topic of 'Mercy in St. Luke's Gospel'. All welcome.
- ♦ **Ballinamuck Essert Twinning**- 9th -19th July: They will be in Ballinamuck this year. Those wishing to be involved or in hosting our guests, please contact Paddy Howe (0879613312) or Patricia Lennon (0860702874)
- ♦ **Mohill Computer Training** – Part Time Computer Courses: Starting on Monday 29th February this flexible part-time course is ideal for intermediate level computer users. Courses are delivered Monday – Thursday from 10am to 1pm. Call 071 9632024 or email info@mct.ie
- ♦ **The Youth 2000 Connaught** retreat will take place in Moneenageisha Community College, Galway City from Friday 4th March to Sunday 6th March. 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! For more information, visit www.youth2000.ie <<http://www.youth2000.ie>> or contact 086-2150607 (on-line booking recommended).
- ♦ **Mohill Enterprise Centre** – Business Workshops: Are you thinking of starting a new business or renewing your existing business? On Friday 4th March we are running a workshop on Entrepreneurship and Innovation. During enterprise week we are hosting a FREE Green Business Seminar with James Hogan from the Clean Technology Centre on Tuesday 8th March from 10am to 12 noon. Call 071 9632024

- ♦ **Breathe Stretch and Relax:** Beginners and Improvers 5 week Yoga Course starts Thursday 3rd March 7.30-8.45p.m. '98 Hall Ballinamuck. Recommended by Arthritis Ireland for Arthritis and Fibromyalgia sufferers. Booking is essential. Contact 0872868254
- ♦ **Macra na Feirme** is an organisation for young people between the ages of 17 and 35 who are interested in meeting new people and getting involved in sports, travel, drama, debating, or just want to meet new people and have some fun! We are looking to set up a new Macra club in the Drumlish area so if you or anyone you know is interested in getting involved or even helping the club get established please contact Training & Development Officer - Sinéad on 087 1880152 or smelaniff@macra.ie.
- ♦ **Longford College of Further Education** are having an open day on Tuesday March 1st 2016 10am - 6pm. We have a new campus on the grounds of the old Army Barracks, Battery Rd, Longford. All potential students welcome

Parish Celebrates New Extension to N.S

On Tuesday last we had the opening and blessing of the new extension to St. Mary's N.S. Drumlish by Bishop Francis Duffy. We now have a beautiful state of the art primary school. We express our gratitude to the Boards of Management and School Principal Ms. Coffey for the time and energy they put into making this possible. Our thanks also to the families and wider community for their patience during the construction phase of the building and for their support to the various fundraising events which were necessary to meet the shortfall from the Department of Education. Finally, thanks to the Building Contractors, Engineers and Architect for completing the job on time with the minimum disruption to the school programme.

First Friday

Next Friday is the first Friday. The sick and housebound will be attended in Ballinamuck on Thursday and in Drumlish on Friday.

The year of Mercy—Bishop's Pastoral

What we are called today—in the midst of our modern and busy lives—is to look beyond our own hectic lives and to pay attention to those around us who are marginalised and in need. Since misfortune can affect both body and soul, there are both corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Last week we reflected on the corporal works of mercy. This week we reflect on the 7 Spiritual Works of Mercy:

1. Advise Sinners
2. Instruct the uninformed
3. Counsel the doubtful
4. Comfort the sorrowful
5. Be patient with those in error
6. Forgive injuries
7. Pray for the living and the dead

Copies of Bishop Francis Duffy's pastoral letter reflecting on the year of Mercy are available at the back of the Churches. Please bring home a copy, read it and leave it where other family can see it.

The year of Mercy Logo Explained



- ♦ The almond shape represents the union of two circles, that is the two natures of Christ: divine and human.
- ♦ The colours: Red— blood, life and divinity; White—the light of Christ; Blue— humanity; Golden—Adam and each of us becoming like God through Jesus Christ.
- ♦ The motto is taken from the Gospel of St. Luke "Be merciful like the Father".
- ♦ The concentric ovals suggest the movement of Christ who carries humanity out of sin and death
- ♦ The gaze: Jesus and the man share one eye. This means that God communicates himself in such a way that man/woman are able to see as He sees.
- ♦ The Good Shepherd: Jesus is the Good Shepherd who carries Adam (and all of us) on his shoulders.