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# Drumlish & Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter



People have two kinds of friends: those they talk to, and those they talk about

Pentecost Sunday Year C—15th May 2016

## Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo  
Fri 8.00: Brian/Pat Collum, Barraghmore  
Sat 8.00: Pat McGee, Kilmashree

## Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Fri 7.00: Tommy Joe/Babs McLoughlin & dfm

## Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Mary Ross  
Sun: Elizabeth Devlin  
Communion Sat: Joe Caldwell  
Sun: Marian McNally

## Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Ciaran Mulligan  
Communion Sun: Ryan McGee

## Money Matters

Drumlish €920, Shrine €313;  
Ballinamuck €312, Shrine €90. Thank you.

## Ballinamuck Bingo

**Volunteer callers urgently required to join rota system for calling of Bingo numbers from stage. Failure to secure same will result in Bingo being discontinued, thus putting the future of the local Hall at risk. Contact Adrian Lennon, chairman on 0877056605 or any member of the committee.**

## Station Mass

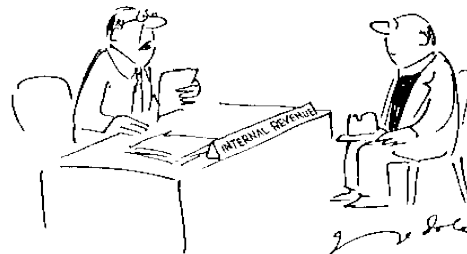
Many thanks to Tony & Maura Mullervy who hosted a most enjoyable station Mass last weekend. It was wonderful to see neighbours and friends coming together to pray and chat. If you would like to host a station Mass for your area, and experience the blessings it brings, please contact Fr. Ber. Thank you

## WHAT'S ON

♦ **Age Friendly Information day** Longford Arms Hotel wed. May 18th 10am-3pm. Would you like to help make Longford a better place to grow older in and be part of an Older Persons Council. A showcase of service providers, including Age Friendly Ireland, the Gardai, HSE, Longford County Council etc. will attend. To book your place please contact Longford Library 0433341124 or email library@longfordcoco.ie

♦ **Longford County Choir 1916 Commemoration** Concert present the Armed Man- A Mass for Peace by Karl Jenkins with full orchestra and soloist Claudia Boyle-takes place next Sunday 22nd May at 8pm in St. Mel's Cathedral. The concert will include the Premiere of a specially commissioned piece by Conor O'Reilly based on the Easter Rising poem "Wishes for my Son, Born on St. Cecilia's Day, 1912" by Thomas Mac Donagh and a selection of favourites -

♦ **Kiltycreevagh National School 90 Year Re-union:** With one week left, we are near the closing date for all stories, no matter how big or small. Photos old and new. Scan and send to Kiltycreeve@gmail.com, or give to a Committee member. All photos will be scanned and returned within a few days. Tickets for the Banquet are available from any Committee member. Spaces and Tickets are limited. Email us for details.



"What's this we hear about your laying up treasures in heaven?"

## First Holy Communion



Congratulations to the young girls and boys from St. Mary's N.S. who made their First Holy Communion this Saturday. We thank their parents and teachers who do such a marvellous job in preparing these young children for this important sacrament. It is hoped that the First Communion will be the first of many happy experiences of being nourished by the Body of Christ. The following are the names of those who received their First Holy Communion:

Sean Corr	Rachel Connolly
Evan McDonald	Harvey Devlin
Ashley Weafer	Kyle Togbe
Aoife Murphy	Sean Gibbons
Ciara Heffernan	Kirsty Walsh
Ciara Kerrigan	Rian Walshe
Laura Pompova	Darjean McCormack
Philip Czaja	Sinead O'Neill
Cian Soroan	

## A First Communion Blessing

May you always feel  
as close to Jesus  
as you to today,  
May you always count on Him  
to gently guide you  
on your way...  
May you always trust in God  
to answer every single prayer,  
May you always  
feel Him blessing you  
with tender, loving care.  
-Author Unknown

## Catching Fire!

Unless the eye catch fire,  
The God will not be seen.  
Unless the ear catch fire  
The God will not be heard.  
Unless the tongue catch fire  
The God will not be named.  
Unless the heart catch fire,  
The God will not be loved.  
Unless the mind catch fire,  
The God will not be known.

By William Blake

The arrival of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost was by no means a quiet or gentle event. First there was a powerful wind from heaven -so loud it filled not just the room the apostles were in, but the whole house. Tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, and they suddenly began to speak in foreign languages as they were 'filled with the Holy Spirit'. It must have been a chaotic, intense scene.

The poem 'Pentecost' by 19th century poet William Blake captures some of the power of the scene, with its repetition of the phrase 'catch fire'. When a piece of news or gossip gets around quickly, we say it 'spreads like wildfire'. By its very nature, fire jumps from one thing to another, burning more intensely the more it spreads. The symbol of tongues of fire is apt, then. The arrival of the Holy Spirit propels the apostles from the room where they were huddled out into the street. They simply cannot contain themselves as they begin to preach and to spread the Good News far and wide - like wildfire.

[Triona Doherty Extract from Intercom]

