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# Drumlish & Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter



*When your fortunes increase the  
columns of your house appear  
to be crooked*

Armenian Proverb

Trinity Sunday Year C—22nd May 2016

## Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Pat McGee, Kiltashee  
Fri 8.00: Alex/Rose Ann/Mary Rose Kane  
Conrado/Andrea/Julie Mariz Remo  
Sun 11.00: Do This in Memory (Corpus Christi)

## Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 29th May: Anna Duignan, Kiltycreevagh

## Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Darren Quinn  
Sun: First Communion Parents  
Communion Sat: Bernadette Noonan  
Sun: Ann Davis

## Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: First Communion Parents  
Communion Sun: Mary Breslin

## Money Matters

Drumlish €716, Ballinamuck €350.  
Priests Dues €1375. Special envelopes at back of  
church for those who don't use regular system.  
Thank you for your support.

## 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.**

## Baptism

Holly Ellen Gibbons d/o Geoffrey & Edel, Cloonaugh was baptised and welcomed into the faith family of our parish last weekend.



## ◆ 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 -

◆ **Celebrate the 8th**, a national pro-life gathering to celebrate the 8th Amendment, Ireland's constitutional protection for unborn babies will take place on Saturday, 4th June from 3—4 p.m. on Molesworth St., Dublin. Your presence at this event is a hugely important expression of all that is great about Ireland's Right to Life Amendment. See Poster on notice board.

## World Meeting of Families—Special Collection

Pope Francis has chosen Ireland to host the 9th World Meeting of Families during 2018. The dates and theme of the Meeting will be announced by Pope Francis himself.

In 2018, the 9th World Meeting of Families is expected to attract thousands of Catholic families from around the globe to Ireland. It is hoped that this very special pastoral initiative will present all of us in the Church with the opportunity, and the challenge, to renew, support and strengthen Irish families in their commitment to their faith.

Hosting a global event of this size requires a huge amount of planning and financial outlay on behalf of the host country. Accordingly, our bishops have now established a National Finance Committee to provide advice on the financial planning for the World Meeting of Families in Ireland. To support the hosting of the event we intend to hold three national church collections, the first of which will take place **next weekend of 28- 29 May**. The remaining collections will take place in 2017 and 2018. Please visit [worldmeeting2018.ie](http://worldmeeting2018.ie) for more details.

## The Deep End—Making Space

*Do not try  
to save the whole world  
or do anything grandiose.  
Instead, create a clearing  
in the dense forest of your life  
and wait there  
patiently,  
until the song  
that is your life  
falls into your own cupped hands  
and you recognize and greet it.  
Only then will you know  
how to give yourself  
to this world  
so worthy of rescue.*

'Clearing' by Martha Postlewaite

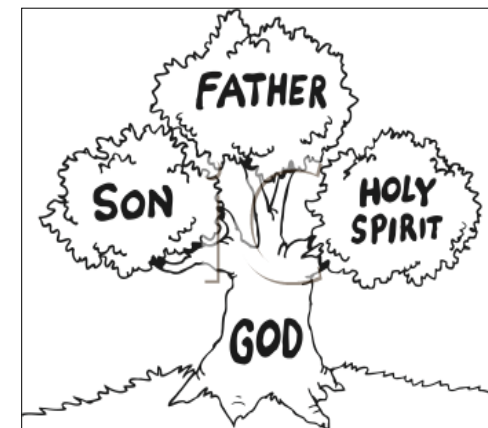
There is deep wisdom in this poem. The advice to 'create a clearing in the dense forest of your life' particularly resonates with me. It can be difficult, with our hectic lives and all the noise of the world around us, to have time to take stock of things. Of course we feel a calling to be good people, to be a positive force in the world, but where do we start?

Well, Jesus tells us to start small. In today's Gospel, he is careful not to overburden his disciples. He has lots more to say and to teach them, but it would be 'too much' for them now. Instead he gives them space. After he is gone, when the time is right and they have had time to reflect, he will send his Spirit to lead them in the right direction. That same Spirit is with us now, if we can make space to listen.

[Triona Doherty—Intercom]

## Feast of Corpus Christi

Next Sunday is the feast of Corpus Christi. All the children who made their First Holy Communion are specially invited to the Sunday Mass in Drumlish and Ballinamuck dressed in their Communion outfits.



## The man with the bag of Nails

And then came man, with his hammer and his bag of nails.  
And he nailed the shining sun to the heavens, in case it should leave him cold.  
And he nailed the bright moon fast to the silent sky, for fear of being left in darkness.  
And he nailed the clouds to the shifting wind so they would not gather above him.  
And he nailed down the salt sea and each fish fast within it.  
And he nailed the bright birds to the empty air, and every creature that flew, or walked, or crawled, or slithered, he nailed hard in its allotted place.  
And then came a carpenter's son. And man, afraid, took him and nailed him tight to a tree, for this man's tongue could loosen nails.

John Ballard