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Parish Newsletter

Drumlish & Ballinamuck

do SMALL THINGS
with GREAT love
-mother teresa



One of the greatest diseases is to be nobody to anybody.

Mother Teresa

23rd Sunday of Year C—4th September 2016

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Mary Kenny & Mike Crowe
Sun 11.00: Kate Ann/Peter/Petie Reilly, Cloonaugh
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo
Fri 8.00: Tom Gunshinan, Drumlish Hill
Sun 11.00: Benny Carolan

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sat 7.00: Garden of Remembrance Mass
Sun 10.00: Seamus O'Toole

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Mary Ross
Sun: Dolores Kane
Communion Sat: Irene McNally
Sun: Brendan Murray

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Rachel Howe
Communion Sun: Mary Breslin

Money Matters

Drumlish €938; Ballinamuck €400, Shrine €110
Priests Dues €1552. For those who don't use the regular system, special dues envelopes are available at the back of the churches. Thank you for your support.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, led by Bishop Francis Duffy takes place this Sunday, 4th September. Bus leaves Ballinamuck at 10.30 a.m. and Drumlish at 10.40 a.m. Ceremonies begin with the blessing of the sick at 2.30 p.m. followed by Mass at 3 p.m.

Baptisms

Congratulations to Paudie Kevin Collum s/o David & Ciara, Lettergullion and to Jane Marie Elliffe d/o John & Jannette, Fardromin and USA who were baptised and welcomed into our faith family last weekend.

Help find a cure for Histiocytosis

Walk a Mile with Emily on Sunday next, 11th September, beginning at the Community Centre, Drumlish at 12 p.m. Donations will be divided between Histiocytosis Association and Childhood Cancer Foundation. Refreshments after walk in the Community Centre. Wear Blue to make Histo aware. See poster on notice board in Church.

Marriages



Congratulations and best wishes to Emmett McEvoy, Ballinalee and Katy Oliver, UK who were married in St. Mary's Church, Drumlish last weekend.

Monaduff Social Club

For the people who are going on the 4 nights stay away on Sunday, 4th September, the bus will depart from Ballinamuck at 12.30 and from the Church in Drumlish at 12.45 p.m. Have a good time all!

Holy Year of Mercy on Lough Derg

Lough Derg is open for One Day Retreats which continue on certain days until Saturday, 24th Sept. The Retreat offers the opportunity to go to the sacred Island, cross the threshold of the Holy Door of Mercy in St. Patrick's Basilica and follow the programme of prayer and reflection. A light lunch is served and pilgrims keep footwear on. For bookings and info contact: 0719861518 or email: info@loughderg.org

Celebrating our Multicultural Family



On Sunday next, we invite all the non nationals who form our parish community to the 11 a.m. Mass in St. Mary's Drumlish to celebrate our multicultural community experience. We hope to have as many as possible of our non Irish family take part in our liturgical celebration. We invite all, Irish and non Irish to a cup of tea in the parochial house after Mass.

Considering a return to education?

LWETB (Longford Westmeath Education & Training Board) still have places available on a range of full and Part-time courses. For further information please contact 0433348177.

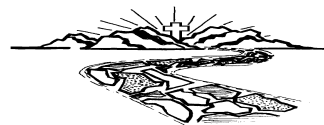
Ballinamuck ICA

First meeting of the new term will take place on Monday night Sept. 5th at 8.30pm in the '98 Hall. All members are asked to attend and new members are always welcome. We are hosting a presentation from the National Road Safety Authority on Monday night Sept. 12th at 8.30pm in the room upstairs. This presentation is open to everyone so we look forward to your support.

Club Membership—a Reflection!

Many people nowadays are members of clubs or organisations. Wallets, purses and handbags contain membership cards for sporting clubs, associations and gyms, food outlets, hotel and accommodation chains. Loyalty tags for supermarket and other large retailers or for fuel hang off key rings.

Being a member of anything has a cost associated with it. You have either to pay to be a member or spend money in order to reap the rewards of your loyalty. Discipleship and its cost is the theme of today's Gospel. Discipleship is costly. The cost of our discipleship as baptised Christians is total commitment to Jesus. One thing is for certain, that discipleship involves the Cross. Jesus asks each of us today to carry the cross of discipleship and to give it all we have. St. Teresa of Calcutta is an example of that discipleship and commitment.



Carry the cross and follow me.

A new Saint

This weekend, the Church celebrates the canonisation of Mother Teresa of Calcutta. Mother Teresa is a household name for her good works, but many people don't know much about her beyond "nun who helped the poor." Here are some facts about Mother Teresa.

1. Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu was born Aug. 26, 1910, in Macedonia to a financially comfortable Albanian family (they owned two houses, one of which they lived in). Her father died when she was 8, ending her family's financial security.
2. When she was 18, Agnes left home and joined the Sisters of Loreto in Rathfarnham, Ireland. After a year learning English in Ireland, Agnes transferred to the Sisters of Loreto convent in Darjeeling, India.
4. She took her vows as a nun in 1931, choosing the name Teresa to honour Saints Therese of Lisieux and Teresa of Avila.
5. Sister Teresa began teaching history and geography in Calcutta at St. Mary's, a high school for the daughters of the wealthy. She remained there for 15 years but was distressed by the poverty she saw all around her.
6. In 1946 Teresa on retreat in Darjeeling she realized what her true calling was: "I heard the call to give up all and follow Christ into the slums to serve him among the poorest of the poor."
7. In 1948 Sister Teresa set aside her nun's habit – adopting instead the simple sari and sandals worn by the women she would be living among – and moved to a small rented hovel in the slums to begin her work. One of her first projects was to teach the children of the poor – drawing on her experience with teaching the children of the rich. She didn't have any equipment or supplies this time, but she taught them to read and write by writing in the dirt with sticks.
8. By 1950 she was able to start the Mission of Charity – a congregation dedicated to caring for "the hungry, the naked, the homeless, the crippled, the blind, the lepers, all those people who feel unwanted, unloved, uncared for throughout society, people that have become a burden to the society and are shunned by everyone."