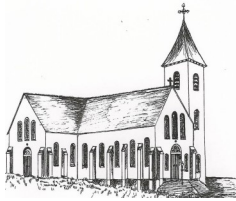


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# Parish Newsletter

## Drumlish & Ballinamuck



*Some people wish to live only within the sound of the church bell*

C. T. Studd

28th Sunday of Year C—9th October 2016

### Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Kathleen McNeill  
Sun 11.00: Enrolment Drumlish N.S.  
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo  
Fri 8.00: Annie/Michael Heaney, Bawn  
Sat 8.00: Peter Mimmagh, Kilnashee  
Sun 11.00: Harvest Thanksgiving

### Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Hugh Donnelly, Shanmullagh  
Fri 7.00: John/Josephine Collum, Creelaughta  
Sun 10.00: Patrick/Theresa Martin, Aughadowry  
Harvest Thanksgiving

### Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Bridie Mollaghan  
Sun: Kathleen Dunleavy  
Communion Sat: Irene McNally  
Sun: Marian McNally

### Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Ciaran Mulligan  
Communion Sun: Mary Breslin

### Harvest Thanksgiving



Even though it hasn't been a great summer, nevertheless it is important to recognise our blessings and to give thanks for the fruits of the earth. At our Masses next Sunday, 16th October we will celebrate our Harvest Thanksgiving with a display of produce and a small celebration with a 'cuppa' afterwards.

God has two dwellings—one in heaven and the other in a thankful heart  
*(Isaak Walton)*

### SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Enrolment for Confirmation/First Communion** takes place in Drumlish this Sunday.
- **The Story of Love:** A spectacular musical event celebrating God's love and his creation, takes place in Knock Basilica on Saturday & Sunday (15th & 16th October), comprising a Universal Choir from Five Continents and streamed live around the world. Tickets: €35.50 & 28.50. For more information see posters on notice board in Church
- **The AGM of the 98 Hall Committee** will take place on Monday, 10th October in the meeting room of the Hall at 8 p.m. New members are required and we appeal to parents of children who use the Hall for various activities to come to our AGM, please. This will help to ensure that the facility remains in operation. Failure to do so will put the future of your local hall in jeopardy.
- **The Draft Register of Electors 2017/2018** is now being prepared. If you live in County Longford and wish to vote you should check that you are registered correctly to vote. If you have any family members resident in County Longford who will be 18 years or over by 15th February 2017 they may also be registered to vote. You can check the Register by logging onto [www.checktheregister.ie](http://www.checktheregister.ie) or by contacting 043 3343362. You may also email Longford Co. Council at [franchise@longfordcoco.ie](mailto:franchise@longfordcoco.ie) if you have any queries re: the Register of Electors.
- **Anam Cara**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Tuesday 18th of October from 19:30 to 21:30 in the Mullingar Park Hotel, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath. The guest speaker for the evening is Carmel Battigan. This is a free event. Please RSVP to [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) before Monday 17th October or call 085 2888 888.
- **The National day of Prayer for Children** takes place this coming Friday, the 14th Oct. Organised by the Society for Missionary Children, the occasion gives children a good opportunity to think of those children who are less fortunate, to pray for those less fortunate and to share with those less fortunate.

- **Social Dancing** will recommence in the Porter House on Wednesday evenings from 8.—10 p.m.
- **Public Meeting:** That there is an interest in progressing the History and Heritage of Drumlish has been established. A public meeting to formalize and progress this will take place in Drumlish Library on Monday 10th October at 7.30 p.m.

### The Beggar

Many years ago, as the story is told, a devout king was disturbed by the ingratitude of his royal court. He prepared a large banquet for them. When the king and his royal guests were seated, by prearrangement, a beggar shuffled into the hall, sat down at the king's table, and gorged himself with food. Without saying a word, he then left the room. The guests were furious and asked permission to seize the tramp and tear him limb from limb for his ingratitude. The king replied, "That beggar has done only once to an earthly king what each of you does three times each day to God. You sit there at the table and eat until you are satisfied. Then you walk away without recognizing God, or expressing one word of thanks to Him."

### Why Didn't the Nine Lepers Return?



Why did only one cleansed leper return to thank Jesus? The following are nine suggested reasons why the nine did not return:

- One waited to see if the cure was real.
- One waited to see if it would last.
- One said he would see Jesus later.
- One decided that he had never had leprosy.
- One said he would have gotten well anyway.
- One gave the glory to the priests.
- One said, "O, well, Jesus didn't really do anything."
- One said, "Any rabbi could have done it."
- One said, "I was already much improved."

### Handprint on the Wall

One day as I was picking the toys up off the floor, I noticed a small hand print on the wall beside the door.

I knew that it was something that I'd seen most every day, but this time when I saw it there, I wanted it to stay.

Then tears welled up inside my eyes, I knew it wouldn't last, for every mother knows her children grow up way too fast.

Just then I put my chores aside and held my children tight. I sang to them sweet lullabies and rocked into the night.

Sometimes we take for granted, all those things that seem so small. Like one of God's great treasures.... A small hand print on the wall.

