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# Parish Newsletter Drumlish & Ballinamuck

*Death leaves a  
heartache no one  
can heal,  
Love leaves  
a memory no  
one can steal*  
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*The main object of  
religion is not to get a  
man into heaven; but to  
get heaven into him*  
Thomas Harding

32nd Sunday of Year C—4th November 2016

## Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Jim/Mary Hannify, Drumlish Hill  
Pat Kane, Esker North  
Sun 11.00: Michael Burbage & Dfm  
Pat/Annie Monaghan  
John/Michael/Margaret Gillooley  
Mon 9.30: For the people of the Parish  
Tue 9.30: Bridie/Richard Ryan  
Wed 9.30: Eileen Joyce & Sarah Kelly  
Fri 8.00: John/Brigid Carolan; Ann Field,  
John Ross  
Sat 8.00: Brigid Dillon, Longford Rd.  
Maura Prunty, Cloonaugh  
Eleanor Reynolds, Longford Rd  
Sun 11.00: Phil Davis, Longford Rd.  
Mary Gray & Dfm, Currabawn

## Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: John/Mary Ann Davis, Gaigue  
Shaughnessy Dfm, Lettergunnell  
Terence Gilleece & Dfm  
Mon 10.00: Hughie Maguire & Tom Ginty and Dfm  
Fri 7.00: Frank McQuaid & Dfm  
Sun 10.00: Jack/Sarah McCormack  
Bridie Healy, RIP, Rathbraken & London

## Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Shane Hagan  
Sun: Davis Family  
Communion Sat: Bernadette Noonan  
Sun: Mary Gillooley

## Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Kay Culliney  
Communion Sun: Ryan McGee

## Offertory Collections

Drumlish €1404, Shrine €270, Prop of Faith €25  
Ballinamuck €350, Shrine €70  
Priests November Dues €1536. Sincere thanks.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Drumlish Ballinamuck Community Games AGM** will be held in the clubhouse, Monaduff on Monday 7th November at 8:30pm. Parents of participating children are requested to attend to ensure the future of Community Games in our area.
- **98 Hall Committee** meeting will be held on Monday, 7th November at 8 p.m. in the visitor centre. All members please attend.
- **Bingo** every Tuesday night in 98 Hall at 8.30pm your support would be appreciated.
- **Vacancies** now available with Dromard Development Assoc Ltd on Community Employment Scheme. Eligibility to participate on Community Employment is linked to those who are 25 years, 35 years and 55 years of age or over and in receipt of an Irish social welfare payment for 1 year or more. Contact Teresa McNerney 0861026252 for further information.
- **Breathe Stretch and Relax:** 5 week Breathe Stretch and Relax Course starts Thursday 10th November from 7.30-8.45 in the '98 Hall Ballinamuck (Registration before class). Contact 0872868254.
- **Longford Region PTAA Dinner Dance** in Rustic Inn Abbeyshrule on Friday 11th Nov. at 9 p.m. Music by T. R. Dallas. Tickets €25 available from Adrian Lennon 0867056605.
- **Ballinamuck ICA:** The November meeting of the Guild will take place on Monday night November 7th at 8.30pm in the meeting room upstairs in the 98 Hall. All members please attend.
- **AGM of Drumlish Tidy Town's** will take place on Tuesday 8th November at 7.30 pm. in the Community Centre, Drumlish. All welcome!
- **Bishop William O'Higgins Project Launch** - takes place at Drumlish Library, Monday 21st November next at 7.30 p.m. All welcome!

## Station Masses

If you would like to host a station Mass for your area—please contact Fr. Ber at 0868213422.

## Deaths

Pray for the repose of the souls of Peter Sexton, Kiltycreevagh whose funeral took place during the week; and for John Rogers, Drawley whose funeral takes place in Drumlish this Sunday after 11 a.m. Mass. May they rest in peace.

## Monaduff Social Club

- ☉A committee meeting will be held on Monday 7th Nov at 7 p.m.
- ☉The next get together will be held in Monaduff on Saturday 12th Nov. from 3—5 p.m.
- ☉The Christmas party is taking place on Saturday 3rd Dec. from 2—6 p.m. People who are coming, please give your name to a committee member.

## Baptisms

Congratulations to the families and to the newest members of our Christian family who were baptised and welcomed into our faith community last weekend: John Joseph Duffy s/o Mark & Martha, Lettergullion Shona O'Neill Donoghue d/o Jason & Siobhan, Drumlish Hill



## Letter from Bishop Francis

To all Catholics of the Diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnois.  
It is in this context of greater participation by the laity in the running of the diocese that I write this pastoral letter. In the near future, I hope to offer two new possibilities, of a voluntary nature, to people already involved and to those who might wish to participate in new ministries in our parishes. These are the two ministries of Parish Catechist and of Permanent Deacon.

- **The Ministry of Parish Catechist:** The role of the Catechist is to work alongside parish clergy, in particular with parents of candidates for the sacraments of First Holy Communion, Confirmation and also in other programmes and initiatives that help people of all ages to deepen their faith.
- **The Permanent Diaconate:** The second initiative is the introduction of the Permanent Diaconate. From the earliest times the ministry of Deacon has been understood as a ministry of service in the Church. Along with priest and bishop, it is one of three holy orders of the Church. In the 1960s, the Second Vatican Council proposed the restoration of the Diaconate and, in 2006, the Holy See agreed to a request from the Irish bishops for its restoration in Ireland.
- **Looking to the future:** I see these two pastoral initiatives as building on the strong foundations of faith already in existence and nurtured in our families and parishes. The introduction of the Parish Catechist and the Permanent Deacon is a calling forth of people of faith into new leadership and service roles in our parishes. I invite those who wish to become Parish Catechists and those who feel a call to the Order of Deacon to contact their local priest, who will supply further information and arrange for them to meet the people charged with organising these ministries in our diocese.  
+ Francis Duffy, Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois.  
6th November 2016

[Full text is available at the exits of the Church – please take home a copy to read, reflect and respond]