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# Parish Newsletter

## Drumlish & Ballinamuck



"No one leaves home unless home is the mouth of a shark."

— Warsan Shire

2nd Sunday of Year A—15th January 2017

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

Sun 11.00: Frank McWade  
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo  
Sun 11.00: Fr. Jim Sorohan, Month's Memory

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

Sun 10.00: John Heslin, Kiltycreevagh  
Sun 10.00: James & Mary Whitney

### Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Rosa Collum  
Sun: Ellie Halpin  
Communion Sat: Bernadette Noonan  
Sun: Marian McNally

### Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Jamie Conboy  
Communion Sun: Mary Breslin

### Offertory Collections

Drumlish €1060, Shrine €370, Ballinamuck €450  
Priests Dues €125. Thank you for your support.

### 2017 Envelope Boxes

We greatly appreciate your generosity every week via your offertory contribution and every two months via your dues contribution. While it may be cumbersome to use the envelope system, it means a great deal to the parish income, because it is the only way we can verify your contribution when making the tax reclaim on your donations. We can claim only if we have a 'paper trail'. We appeal to you to use your envelope and if you haven't got a box, we can arrange it. Thank you again for your support.



- **Bingo** continues in the 98 Hall, Ballinamuck on Tuesday nights at 8.30 p.m.
- **Always wanted to volunteer overseas?** Looking for a course about global social injustice? Learn more at the Viatores Christi (VC) - Information & Recruitment Session in Dublin on Saturday 14th January 2017 at 12.00 at VC HQ, 8 New Cabra Rd., Phibsboro, Dublin 7, apply@viatoreschristi.com, Ph.01 8689986. All are welcome!
- **Family Carers Ireland** are proving the QQI Level 5 Healthcare Support Award in your area based on demand in February 2017. One Day workshops also available. For more info contact 0579322920.
- **Vacancies** now available with Dromard Development Assoc CLG on the Community Employment Scheme in Legga. Eligibility to participate on the Community Employment Scheme is linked to Male/Females 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. Please contact Teresa Mc Nerney 0861026252 for further information
- **Healthcare Support Course Level 5:** Commencing February 16th (Thursday) This will be run one day per week for 5 weeks. Care Skills (Care Skills- includes Patients moving and Handling). Names are now been taken for all 8 modules or individual modules as requested. The cost for this module is €295. Funding may be available for people in receipt of certain social welfare payments. Contact: EDI Centre Longford on (043) 33-47515 / enquiries@edilongford.ie
- **The Fr manning Gaels & St Helens Annual Social:** This will take place on February 4th in the Olde Village Inn. There will be food and music on the night. Tickets are €10.00 can be got from any committee member. It promises to be a good night and we hope to see a large crowd in attendance.
- **Breathe Stretch Relax**, a 4 week course begins on Thursday, 19th January in 98 Hall Ballinamuck from 7.30 to 8.45 p.m. Ph. 0872868254

### St. Vincent's GAA Notes

- **Astro League:** The Finals of Winter Astro tournament were played Last Saturday evening. Thanks to all who made it a great success a special mention to Gearoid Nertney who organised the tournament
- **Fundraiser:** Thanks to everyone that supported our recent fundraiser in Dillon's of Ballinamuck.
- **Minor AGM:** St Vincent's Minor AGM will take place on Sunday 22nd of January at 2 o Clock in Monaduff. We hope as many parents as possible can attend as help is always needed in all areas of club

### World Day of Migrants and Refugees

As we prepare to celebrate the 103rd World Day of Migrants and Refugees, today, 15th January 2017, it is important to remember and pray for the tens of thousands of children who migrate alone, unaccompanied, to escape poverty and violence. The Catholic Church has a strong tradition of welcoming the stranger. Fifty million children around the world are on the move as migrants. They are running away from conflict, war, extreme poverty and various forms of abuse and exploitation. Refugees and migrant children face multiple dangers. They are prime targets for trafficking and exploitation. When a boat sinks, they are the most likely to drown. They are the first ones to suffer hunger and thirst. They are the most vulnerable to extreme weathers as they move through deserts and forests with no protection or shelter. We see many images of these migrant children on our televisions, in our newspapers and on social media. Statistics for Ireland for 2015 showed 35 unaccompanied minors were recorded as applying for asylum in Ireland—10 from Afghanistan, 10 from Albania and 5 from the Democratic Republic of Congo. 2017 the figures are more stark again. Here at parish level we can all cultivate a welcome, extend hospitality and encourage the participation of people of all cultures, ethnicities and backgrounds.



### Prayer for Unaccompanied Migrant Children



Mary, you travelled alone  
To reach the loving embrace  
Of your beloved family member.  
Elizabeth welcomed you with  
Open arms and an open heart.

Be with those children  
Who are travelling across borders  
To seek solace with family.  
Protect them from exploitation  
And from traumatising experiences.

Teach us by  
The example of the Visitation.  
Grant us open arms  
And open hearts  
To receive your children  
Trying to find the way  
To a new, life-giving home.

Mary, Mother of the human family,  
Help us tend the misery  
Of children separated from family  
By man-made borders  
But not by love.  
May they arrive, as you did,  
To joy and to the benediction  
Of a loving embrace.

Amen

[Sisters of Mercy]

There is the lamb of God  
that takes away the sin  
of the world. - John 1