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Love your enemies  
and pray for those  
who persecute you  
Jesus

# Parish Newsletter Drumlish & Ballinamuck



Be perfect as  
your heavenly  
Father is  
perfect.

Mt 5:48



*Patience is the ability to  
put up with people you'd  
like to put down*

7th Sunday of Year A—19th February 2017

## Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sun 11.00: No Intention  
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo  
Sat 8.00: Hugh/Mary Kate Collum, Barraghmore  
Micheál Diffley, Drumlish Hill  
Sun 11.00: Frankie/Monica Mulleady, Cloonaugh

## Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Mary/Michael Flynn  
Fri 7.00: Michael Rehill/Martin O'Toole  
Sun 10.00: Michael/Josephine Kiernan, Sandra  
John/Colm Gorman, Fardromin

## Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Rosa Collum  
Sun: Helena Crowe  
Communion Sat: Bernadette Noonan  
Sun: Pat Corrigan

## Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Ciaran Mulligan  
Communion Sun: Mary Breslin

## Money Matters

Drumlish €852, Lourdes €555; Ballinamuck €260.  
Thank you for your support.

## Deaths

Pray for the souls of Josephine Duffy nee Devaney, Crois Bothar and Lismacaffrey and for her daughter Mary Raven, England recently deceased. Also, for Margaret Flanagan nee Lennon, Castleblaney and late of Kilmahon, who died during the week. May they rest in peace.

Who are we Christians?

We are the Bibles the world is reading  
We are the creeds the world is needing  
We are the sermons the world is heeding

Billy Graham



- **Drumlish Ballinamuck Community Games:** Children wishing to participate in the swimming competition should contact Siobhan on 086 8143352 immediately. Children wishing to participate in the talent competition (music, song and dance) competitions should contact Sonia on 0876248308.
- **Bingo** continues in the 98 Hall, Ballinamuck on Tuesday nights at 8.30 p.m.
- **Divine Mercy Conference RDS Dublin:** Bus leaving Longford Cathedral Car Park on Saturday 25th Feb at 8.30 a.m. To book a seat on the bus, ring 0876378619 or 0879980615
- **Ballinamuck Essert Twinning 2017:** The 20th anniversary will take place in France in July and will include a specific Erasmus supported project for young people to take place in Strasbourg, followed by a coming together of adults and young people from 15th to 20th July in Essert. If you are interested in taking part please contact Paddy Howe (0879613312). To help with the airfares of the young people traveling in the first group a pub quiz will be held in Dillon's on the 24th February. Your support will be gratefully appreciated.
- **St Vincents Minor Club GAA:** If you are interested in coaching or helping our coaches for Under Age level please contact Colin on 086-0761556 or Paul on 083-3046640.
- **Drumlish Tidy Towns 2017** season starts with a meeting in the Community Centre kitchen on Tuesday 21st February at 7.30 sharp. Anyone interested in joining the group for the new season are invited to join.
- **Longford College of Further Education** are having their open day on Wednesday March 1st from 10am to 6pm. All welcome. The college provides QQI level 5 and 6 courses in Business, Mobile Technology & App Design, Graphic Design, Social & Digital Marketing, Tourism, Childcare, Nursing, Motor Technology and more. For more information go to [www.longfordcfe.com](http://www.longfordcfe.com) or Phone (043) 33 45455 or call into the PLC college on The Battery Road.

- **Youth 2000** Connaught Retreat will be taking place in Presentation School, Athenry, Co. Galway, between 3rd-5th March 2017 in Presentation School, Athenry, Co. Galway. Donation only Ages: 16 – 35 year olds. See [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) or 086-2150607 for more info.
- **Parish Finance Committee** will meet on Monday, 27th Feb. at 8.30 in the Parochial House, Drumlish.

## Monaduff Social Club



A committee meeting will be held on Monday 20th February at 8 pm. The first get together for 2017 will be in Monaduff on Saturday 25th February from 3 to 5 p.m. We look forward to meeting the members and welcoming new members. Its not about age—its about being sociable and making time for one another.

## Ballinamuck N.S.

- **Enrolment** for school year 2017/2018 is now taking place. Forms are available from the office or by email at [ballinamuckns@eircom.net](mailto:ballinamuckns@eircom.net).
- **Clothes collection** on Friday, 3rd March. Unwanted clothing, shoes, bedlinen etc.—bags can be dropped off at school gate on Friday, 3rd March.

## Temperance Sunday

Next Sunday, the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, is Temperance Sunday. Now is a good time to think about temperance, not only in relation to 'drink' but in all matters. Plan now and don't let Lent creep up on you unprepared. In the words of Isaiah today: *"Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy."*

**Temperance is moderation  
in the things that are good  
and total abstinence from  
the things that are foul.**

Frances E. Willard

## Perfection—the New Standard!

- What You'd Get if 99% Were Good Enough
- No phone service for 15 minutes each day.
  - 1.7 million pieces of first class mail lost each day.
  - 35,000 new-born babies dropped by doctors or nurses each year
  - 200,000 people getting the wrong drug prescriptions each year
  - Unsafe drinking water three days a year.
  - Three misspelled words on the average page of type.
  - 2 million people would die from food poisoning each year.

## Things that will destroy us

- Politics without principle,
- pleasure without conscience,
- wealth without work,
- knowledge without character,
- business without morality,
- science without humanity,
- worship without sacrifice.

Mohandas K. Gandhi,

## A Father's Prayer

A careful man I ought to be,  
A little fellow follows me.  
I do not dare to go astray  
For fear he'll go the self-same way.  
I cannot once escape his eyes,  
What e're he sees me do he tries.  
Like me he says he's going to be—  
The little chap that follows me.  
He thinks that I am good and fine,  
Believes in every word of mine.  
The base in me he must not see—  
The little chap who follows me.  
I must remember as I go,  
Thru summer's sun and winter's snow  
I'm building for the years to be—  
That little chap who follows me.