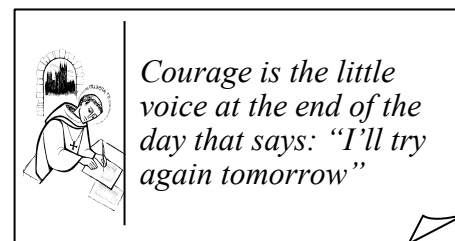


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Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A—2nd April 2017

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: John & Theresa Caldwell
Sun 11.00: Margaret Doris, Derryheelan
Frankie/Monica Mulleady, Cloonaugh
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo
Sat 8.00: John & Margaret Kane, Main St.
Josephine Duffy MM & Mary Raven, MM
Sun 11.00: Joseph/Theresa Gill
Mary Briggs & Theresa McGowan

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Brian McDermott, Gaigue
Mon 7.00: J. P. Corrigan, MM, Lettergullion
Fri 7.00: Daniel Sorohan Jnr. Fardromin
Sun 10.00: Brigid Donnelly

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Bridie Mollaghan
Sun: Irene McNally
Communion Sat: Bernadette Noonan
Sun: Sr. Kathleen Duffy

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Rachel Howe
Communion Sun: Mary Breslin

Money Matters

Drumlish €840, Lenten Alms €17; Ballinamuck €395;
Priests Dues €60. Thank you.

Re-scheduled Auction in aid of Cemetery Development Fund

Big Auction tonight

(Saturday) in Quinns at 9:00pm, followed by music with Tom Moran. Free Admission and Door Prizes. Wide range of auction items with a price range starting from €20, a lot of everyday items that we all use and need, so something to suit everyone.



- **Eddie Stones** will attend St Marys Church , Newtownforbes on Sat April 8 at 2 P.M.
- **Ballinamuck community group walk** continues every Saturday morning at 10 am. Meet at the '98 hall car park, everyone welcome.
- **Knock Shrine—Faith Renewal:** Special day 'Celebrating Family' day takes place on Saturday 8th April. See programme of events on poster on notice board.
- **Drumlish Heritage & History Society:** (DHHSoc) - are in the process of compiling a History of Drumlish Parish. Areas of focus will be place names, surnames, pre-names/Christian names that remain in families, the language of our local area: ways of speaking, accents and expressions. Information on place names, wells, fairy forts, rocks, hedge schools and ditches may be emailed to paucicgill@gmail.com or phone/text 086 4132363. Regarding the surnames/pre-names and ways of speaking contact 086 8141023
- **The 21st Pioneer National Ball** takes place on Sat 8th April 2017, in the Sheraton Athlone Hotel, after 6.30pm Mass in St. Mary's Church, Athlone, which will be celebrated by Bishop Francis Duffy. Tickets €30. Guest Speaker: Jim Bolger. Music by Nite Fever. Contact 087-6189411 or 085-7201646
- **The Diocesan Safeguarding Conference** will take place on Tuesday next, April 4th at 7.30 pm. in St. Mel's College, Longford. Guest Speaker: Breda O'Brien, Irish Times Columnist. All are welcome.
- **Monster Spring Clean in Drumlish** on Sat. 8th April. Help—Gloves and pickers will be provided.
- **Pennies for Presents:** To help cover the costs of the annual children's Christmas party in Ballinamuck, we have collection boxes in Gala, Dillons and Eclipse salon, the aim is to collect as many 1c,2c coins (and any others) which may be lying around in jars etc. throughout the year.
- **98 Hall Committee** would like to inform everyone we now have the facility of a wheelchair accessible toilet and baby changing facilities.

- **Cloone/Aughavas Parish Mission** - Mission in Aughavas Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 8.00 pm. Mission in Cloone Monday, Wed. and Friday evenings at 8.00 pm. Mass in Cloone Monday to Friday at 7.00 am. Mass in Aughavas Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 10.00 am. Mass in Rossan on Wednesday at 10.00 am.
- **St Vincents Minor Club GAA:** Monster Bingo - Sunday 2nd April 2017 - at 3pm in the '98 Hall, Ballinamuck. €2,500.00 in prize money. Easter Eggs on every page. Monster Raffle.
- **Ballinamuck Enhancement** invites you to an Easter Afternoon Tea on Good Friday 14th in the Memorial Hall at 4pm. Adm. Adults €5, kids free.
- **The AGM of Ballinamuck ICA** will take place on Monday night April 3rd at 8.30pm in the '98 Hall. All members are requested to attend and new members are always welcome.
- **First Friday:** Next Friday is the first Friday. The housebound and sick will be attended in the Ballinamuck area on Thursday and in the Drumlish area of Friday.
- **Lough Derg Pilgrimage Season** opens on Monday 1st May. One day Retreats and Three Day Pilgrimages are available. For dates and bookings see posters on notice boards.
- **Monaduff Social Club:** Planning is afoot for a 3 night stay away in Galway Bay Hotel from 3rd to 6th September—if interested, please give your name to a committee member as soon as possible.

Parish Census

As has been flagged earlier, the Parish Pastoral Council, with the help of other volunteers, will distribute and collect 'Parish Census Forms' in the near future. This is to enable the parish to update records. It is not too invasive, requiring just basic information. We ask all parishioners to fill in the form. All information will be treated with the strictest confidence. Sincere thanks for your cooperation.

The seven ages of man: spills, drills, thrills, bills, ills, pills, wills.

- Richard J. Needham,

World Meeting of Families

A second collection after Communion this weekend is to help finance the **World Meeting of Families** which takes place from 22nd to 26th August 2018 in Dublin. Pamphlets at the exits of the Church give information about the celebration, the need for volunteers, preparation and planning. Please take home and read.

Baptism

We welcome into our faith community Ciaran Eugene Prunty s/o Shane & Louise, Gaigue who was baptised recently. Congratulations to the family.

First Confessions

- ✦ First Confessions for Drumlish N.S. will take place on Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. in St. Mary's Church.
- ✦ First Confessions for Ballinamuck N.S. will take place on Monday, 24th April at 7.30 p.m. in St. Patrick's Church.

Palm Sunday



Next Sunday is Palm or Passion Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. Palms will be blessed at all Masses.

Successful Families

According to a study of more than 500 family counsellors, the following are the top traits of successful families:

- Communicating and listening
- Affirming and supporting family members
- Respecting one another
- Developing a sense of trust
- Sharing time and responsibility
- Knowing right from wrong
- Having rituals and traditions
- Sharing a religious core
- Respecting privacy.