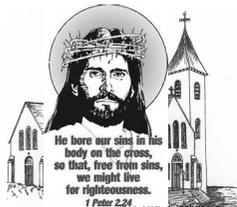
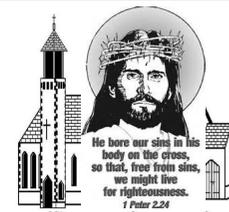


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Whoever falls from God's right hand is caught in his left
Edwin Markham

2nd Sunday of Easter Year A (Divine Mercy)—23rd April 2017

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8:00: Tom Keogh, Cloonaugh
Gerry/Elizabeth Brady, Creenagh
Mon 9:30: Misa Pro Populo
Fri 8:00: John/Elizabeth McAvey &
McAvey/McKeon dfm
Sat 8:00: Annie Quinn and Dillon Dfm
Sun 11:00: Bernard/Annie McKenna, Cloonmacart
Frank Mattie/Agnes O'Hara &
Pat Lynch + Dfm
Jimmy Reilly, MM, N.Y. & Cloonaugh

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10:00: Harry Coyle, Shanmullagh
Margaret/Paddy Diffley
Margaret Donnelly, Shanmullagh
Janette Cassidy, Fardromin
Mon 7:00: Brid Calcagno
Sun 10:00: Patrick/Theresa/Nancy Prunty

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Mary Ross
Sun: Parents of First Communion
Communion Sat: Kathleen Gill
Sun: Pat Corrigan

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Jamie Conboy
Communion Sun: Cora McKenna

Money Matters

Drumlish €1126, Trócaire €5293;
Ballinamuck €445, Trócaire €691.
Priests Dues €2214. Thank you.

Death

Pray for the repose of the soul of Pat McGuire, Lettergeeragh and London. Funeral takes place in London at a later time. Regretted by Mary Ann and Pat Curwin, Lettergeeragh.



- **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.
- **Novena of Divine Mercy:** Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, April 23rd in St. Mel's Cathedral at 1 p.m. See poster on notice board.
- **Irish Blood Transfusion Service** will be at St. Brigid's Community Centre, Lough Gowna on Wednesday, 26th and Thursday 27th April from 4.30 p.m to 8 p.m. Many patients in hospital need our blood. Help give life by giving blood.
- **Morning Class of Breathe Stretch and Relax** takes place in the '98 Hall Ballinamuck on Saturday 6th May 10.30 - 11.45 a.m. Tea/Coffee served after the Class. Contact 0872868254 for further information. Booking only. Class €8.00
- **Annual Community Games Sports Day** takes place in Monaduff GAA sports grounds this Sunday 23rd at 1.30pm. Fun events for all from toddlers to Mammys and Daddys. Registration for all children on admission to grounds necessary to allow child participate in the days events.
- **98 Hall Committee** meeting on Monday 24th April at 8pm sharp in upstairs meeting room all members please attend.
- **Bingo** continues every Tuesday night in 98 Hall at 8.30pm.
- **Rally for Life:** This year is taking place in Dublin city centre on Saturday 1st of July at 2pm. An event not to be missed for young and old to celebrate and protect life, especially our precious 8th Amendment. Put it in the diary! Call 086-8775036 for info on buses from Longford.
- **Monaduff Social Club:** A Committee meeting takes place on Monday, 24th April at 7 p.m. The next social day will be held in Monaduff on Saturday, 29th April from 3 – 5 p.m.

The mercy of God may be found
between the bridge and the stream

Trócaire

Thanks to all who supported the Trócaire Lenten Campaign. Your generosity will help many people in deprived areas of the world, especially those suffering from hunger, those displaced from their home because of warfare and violence and forced to seek refuge in lands other than their own. Social justice based on the teachings of Christ is an important expression of our faith and our unity as brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. Total for Trócaire to date is €5984, a most generous response and deeply appreciated. Thank you.

Baptisms

The following were baptised and welcomed into our faith family over the Easter:
Jamie Cullen Sheerin s/o Anthony & Amanda,
Lusk & Ballinamuck
Philip Pompa s/o Jaroslav & Maria Orackova,
Esker Glen
Iarlaith John Declan McKeon s/o Patrick & Sharon,
Cloonmacart
Congratulations to all concerned.

Marriage

Congratulations and best wishes to Donal McKeon and Catherine Gill, Sliabh Cairbre who were married in St. Mary's Church Drumlish this weekend.

Tax Refund

The tax refund system, whereby the Parish as a charitable institution, can claim back tax on contributions of €250 or more per year is of immense value to parishes. The system requires that those who support the church use the envelope system so that a paper trail can support any tax reclaim. For the years 2013, 2014, 2015 the parish of Drumlish/Ballinamuck benefited to the sum of €19,716.25. If more people were the use the envelope system that sum could be even larger. It costs you nothing, but it benefits your parish immensely. Thanks again to those who continue to support our parish, and particularly to those who use the envelope system.

Too Tough

"The road is too rough," I said,
"Dear Lord, there are stones that hurt me so."
And He said, "Dear child, I understand,
I walked it long ago."
"But there's a cool green path," I said;
"Let me walk there for a time."
"No child," He gently answered me,
"The green path does not climb."
"My burden," I said, "Is far too great,
How can I bear it so?"
"My child," He said, "I remember the weight;
I carried My cross, you know."
But I said, "I wish there were friends with me
Who would make my way their own."
"Oh, yes," He said, "Gethsemane
Was hard to bear alone."
And so I climb the stony path,
Content at last to know
That where my Master had not gone,
I would not need to go.
And strangely then I found new friends,
The burden grew less sore;
And I remember—long ago
He went that way before.

Olga J. Weiss

