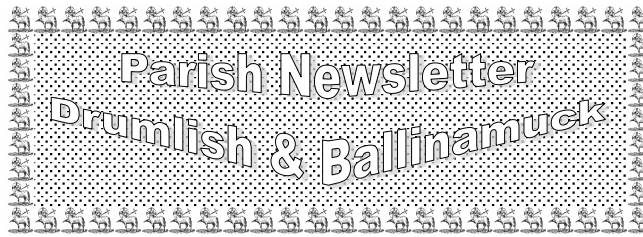
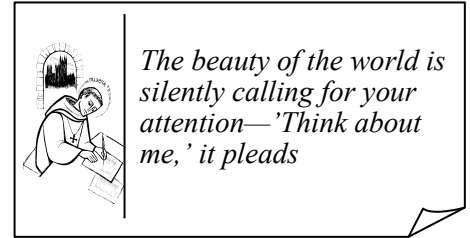


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While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.
Luke 24:51



Feast of the Ascension Year A —28th May 2017

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sun 11.00: Mary Frances/Michael Francis Jordan
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo
Fri 8.00: William & Hanna Daly
Sat 8.00: No intention

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Anna Duignan
1.00: Noel Cassidy, Fardromin Funeral
Sun 10.00: Johnny Rehill, Shanmullagh

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Sinead Flynn
Sun: Ellie Halpin
Communion Sat: Kathleen Gill
Sun: Sr. Kathleen Duffy

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Helen McKenna
Communion Sun: Cora McKenna

Money Matters

Drumlish €1,940, Holy Land €92; Ballinamuck €375;
Priests Dues €250. Thank you.

Parish Census 2017

The Parish Pastoral Council, with the help of other volunteers will drop in 'Parish Census 2017' forms to all households over the next two weeks. We ask you to complete the forms and return them directly to the Parochial House, Drumlish or give them to any member of the Parish Pastoral Council by the end of May. Names of the Parish Pastoral Council are at the back of the form. Thank you for your cooperation.

Death

Pray for the repose of the soul of Noel Cassidy, Fardromin whose funeral takes place this Sunday after 1 p.m. Mass in Ballinamuck. May he rest in peace.



- **Bingo** continues every Tuesday night in 98 Hall at 8.30pm.
- **98 Hall Committee** meeting on Monday 29th May at 8pm sharp in upstairs meeting room all members please attend. New members welcome.
- **Longford County Choir** - present their Summer Celebration Concert in St. Mel's Cathedral, this Sun evening, 28th May at 7.30pm. Tickets costing €10 (Family of 2 adults & young children €20) are available at Denniston's, Farrell Coy, St. Mel's Cathedral Presbytery or from any Choir member.
- **Healthy eating Cookery Classes** will commence on Wed. 6th September. Contact 0872171109.
- **Bee Keeping** - a talk will be given by local Bee Keeper - Joe Sullivan at the Poly Tunnel (Main Street) on Monday 29th May at 6.30 pm. Joe donated a Bee Hive last year, and this year the Bees have arrived - Joe will be demonstrating on the evening and it is a great opportunity to learn something about the important work of the Bees and how honey is made.
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- **AGM of Bishop Wm O'Higgins Heritage Project** - Mon 29th May at 8pm - Drumlish Library. All welcome!
- **Next Friday is the first Friday.** The housebound will be attended on Thursday (Ballinamuck) and Friday (Drumlish).
- **Cemetery Sunday:** A reminder that graves will be blessed after Masses on Sunday, 11th June. Please ensure that all graves are in proper upkeep. All rubbish and debris should be brought home. Thank you.
- **Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage:** We join in prayer with our sick and pilgrims on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes which is taking place at the present time.

Vocational Training Opportunities (VTOS)

Are you aged 21 or over and for 6 months
- either you or your spouse have been in receipt of a social welfare payment
- have been signing for credits
- or you are a lone parent
If so you could join the VTOS programme and receive business and computer training FREE of charge.
Contact: Maeve Madden, Battery Rd., Longford at 0872050589 as soon as possible.

Baptism

The following were baptised and welcomed into our faith family last weekend:
† Darren Michael O'Leary-Cox, Drumshanbo Sth s/o Michael and Roisin;
† Fergal Kerrigan, Blanchardstown, s/o Christopher and Esther;
† Nathan Newin McGee, Kilnashee s/o Michael & Jitrawadee.
Congratulations to all.

Parish Catechist & Parish Deacon

As we reflect on vocations to priesthood this week, we also reflect on the recent call by Bishop Francis Duffy re: Parish Catechists and Deacons.
Further information on the Ministry of Parish Catechist is available from Fr. Nigel Charles, Boherquill, Lismacaffrey, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath. 043 6685847, email: nigelcharles2003@yahoo.co.uk.
Further information on the Order of Deacon is available from Fr. Aidan Ryan, Ballinahown, Athlone, Co. Westmeath. 0906430124. Email: aidanfryan@eircom.net. See notice board in the Churches.

World Communications Sunday

As well as this being the feast of the Ascension, it is also World Communications Day. In a faith context, this means communicating the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Gospel message. The use of social media is one of the modern ways of sharing the Good News.

Garden Open Day

Garden open day at Paddy & Mary Gillooley's Mill Road in aid of Longford Alzheimer's Disease on Saturday 10th June 2017, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission optional. Refreshments will be served.

A Listening Problem

Well-known Broadway producer Jed Harris once became convinced he was losing his hearing. He visited a specialist, who pulled out a gold watch and asked "Can you hear this ticking?" "Of course," Harris replied. The specialist walked to the door and asked the question again. Harris concentrated and said, "Yes, I can hear it clearly." Then the doctor walked into the next room and repeated the question a third time. A third time Harris said he could hear the ticking. "Mr. Harris," the doctor concluded, "there is nothing wrong with your hearing. You just don't listen."

