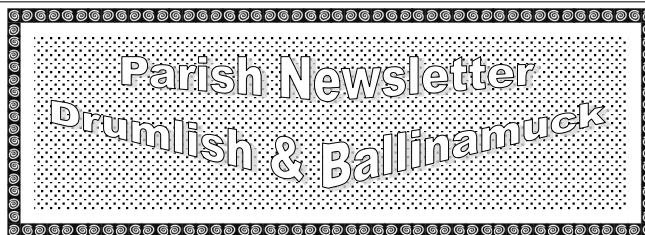


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Forgiveness
The Key to Freedom



The fastest horse cannot catch a word spoken in anger.

- Chinese Proverb

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A —17th September 2017

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sun 11.00: Jim Lennon, Kilmahon
Celebration of Harvest Fruits
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo
Fri 8.00: Lea Conlon nee Kiernan, Months Memory
Sat 8.00: John Joe Toole & James Martin
Sun 11.00: Brigid/Mary Corrigan, Main St.
Rose Leonard, USA
Christopher McNamara, Mary St.

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Celebration of Harvest Fruits
Fri 7.00: Declan Collum
Sun 10.00: No Intention

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Bridie Mollaghan
Sun: Dolores Kane
Communion Sat: Mary Gearty
Sun: Mary Gillooley

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Kay Culliney
Communion Sun: Chantel Connell


Money Matters

Drumlish €1463; Ballinamuck €230.
Harvest Dues €407. Thank you.

Baptism

Fabian Matias Pompa, Sliabh Cairbre was baptised and welcomed into our faith family last weekend.

Celebration of Harvest Thanksgiving

 This Sunday we celebrate and give thanks for the fruits of the harvest. Thanks to the organisers and those who prepared the displays. You are invited to a 'cuppa' after Masses in both Drumlish and Ballinamuck.

UPCOMING Events

- **Drumlish Heritage & History Society** (DHHSoc) -hope to publish a history of Drumlish by mid 2018 - of particular interest is DNA/ Ancestry/Genealogy. If you are interested please contact 086 8141023 or leave word at Drumlish Library. This will tie in with family surnames' that have been in Drumlish area for generations— Information on Drumlish place names ,wells, fairy forts, rocks, hedge schools and ditches may be emailed to paucigill@gmail.com or phone/text 086 413 2313. The deadline is fast approaching.
- **Cemetery AGMs:** Drumlish Cemetery Ltd are holding their AGM on Thursday 21st September at 7:30pm in the Community Centre. All welcome. Kilmahon Cemetery Committee hold their AGM on Monday 18th September at 8 pm in the 98 Hall.
- **FREE Digital Skills Training:** Due to demands a second programme in IT Training commencing as follow Sept 18th/19th, 25th/26th and 2nd October Drumlish Community Centre. Content of course Email & attachments, Social online banking, internet shopping Dept of Agri web site etc. course 1- 10am – 12noon, second course 12.30-2.30 (same dates). Class size is limited 10 learners. To confirm your place please text your name to Breda 087 9181787 or Romi 0872171109
- **Courses commencing in EDI Centre** from September: Healthcare Modules-Care Skills, Care of Older Person, Patient Movement Handling, Communications. Safe Pass, Manual Handling, Train the Trainer & Reception & Front Office Skills. Also FREE IT Digital Skills. Contact EDI on 0433347515 or Email: enquiries@edilongford.ie
- **St Vincents Minor Football Club** - School Coaching: Anybody interested in school coaching for the year ahead please contact Paul on 083-3046640 or Colin on 086-0761556. Fund Raising Event: - 80's Style - in O'Reilly's Bar, Drumlish, on Sunday night 29th October 2017.
- **Folk Choir resumes this Sunday** 17th September and practice resumes on Thursday nights at 9pm. New singers welcome!

- **Register of Electors 2018/2019:** If you or a family member who will be 18 or over by 15th Feb 2018 and live in County Longford and wish to vote, check that you are registered. Register: 043-3343362, www.checktheregister.ie.
- **Bingo continues every Tuesday** night in 98 Hall at 8.30 more local support would be appreciated.

Loss or Gain!

Once a man was asked,
"What did you gain
by praying regularly to God?"
The man replied, "Nothing.
But let me tell you
what I lost:
anger, ego, greed, depression, insecurity
and fear of death."
Sometimes the answer to our prayers
is not gaining but losing;
which ultimately
is the gain.

Tax Reclaim 2016

Over the next weeks, all parishioners (**PAYE and Self-Assessed**) who use the envelope system and who have contributed €250 or more to the offertory collection and to the priests dues for the year 2016 will receive a letter requesting you to fill in the enclosed CHY4 Cert and return to the Parochial House, Drumlish before the end of the month. Last year the parish benefited to the tune of €19,716.25 for the years 2013, 2014, 2015. We thank all parishioners for your continued support and generosity.

Marred Hands Settled the Issue

The price Jesus paid for our redemption was terrible indeed. When we think of the extreme suffering He endured to purchase our freedom from sin's penalty, our hearts should overflow with love for Him. Leslie B. Flynn told a story that illustrates this truth.

An orphaned boy was living with his grandmother when their house caught fire. The grandmother, trying to get upstairs to rescue the boy, perished in the flames. The boy's cries for help were finally answered by a man who climbed an iron drainpipe and came back down with the boy hanging tightly to his neck.

Several weeks later, a public hearing was held to determine who would receive custody of the child. A farmer, a teacher, and the town's wealthiest citizen all gave the reasons they felt they should be chosen to give the boy a home. But as they talked, the lad's eyes remained focused on the floor. Then a stranger walked to the front and slowly took his hands from his pockets, revealing severe scars on them. As the crowd gasped, the boy cried out in recognition. This was the man who had saved his life. His hands had been burned when he climbed the hot pipe. With a leap the boy threw his arms around the man's neck and held on for dear life. The other men silently walked away, leaving the boy and his rescuer alone. Those marred hands had settled the issue.

Many voices are calling for our attention. Among them is the One whose nail-pierced hands remind us that He has rescued us from sin and its deadly consequences. To Him belongs our love and devotion. -D.C.E.



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