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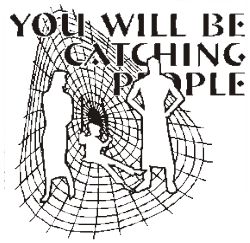


Parish Newsletter Drumlish & Ballinamuck

Many people use mighty thin thread when mending their ways

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B —21st January 2018

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Frank McWade/Packie Joe Keogh
Frank/Mary/Theresa McCann, Cloonaugh
Sun 11.00: Kathleen McKeon, Cloonaugh
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo
Tue **8.00 p.m.:** Dan Joe/Brigid Nerney & Dfm
Wed 9.30: Private Int
Thur 9.30:
8.00 p.m.:Jim Kenny, Mill Road
Fri 8.00: Sean Mulleady, Creenagh
Sat 8.00: Sean McCormack RIP, late Cloonaugh Up
Sun 11.00: Michelle Rogers, Brucklagh

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: James/Mary Whitney, Fardromin
Sun 10.00: Tommy Rehill, Jnr.
Phil McLoughlin

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Kathleen Kelleher & Conf. Class
Sun: Marie McKeon & Conf. Class
Communion Sat: Mary Gearty
Sun: Ann Davis

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Mary McKenna & Conf. Class
Communion Sun: Deirdre Garvey

Money Matters

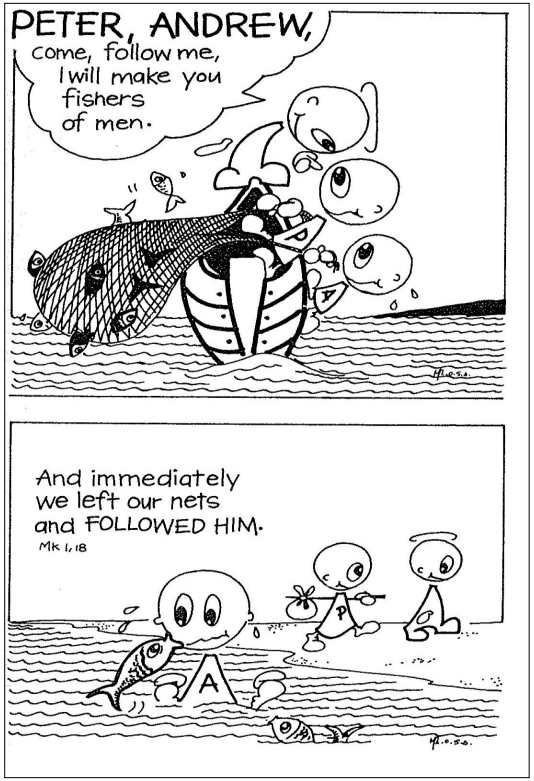
Drumlish €975; Ballinamuck €465, Heating €42
St. Vincent de Paul thank all who supported their Christmas appeal which raised €419.30.
Many thanks.

Collection Envelopes 2018

Please take home your box of envelopes for the year 2018 and also deliver the remaining envelopes for your townland or area, as many of those go the Mass in Longford or other parishes, but their envelopes are returned to their local parish. Thank you.

UPCOMING Events

- **Mindful Art – Longford Branch Library** forms part of the Healthy Ireland Longford Programme and is a four week programme focused on Mindful Art Therapy. Facilitated by Helena Mullooly. The programme runs for 8 weeks, beginning on January 18th. Email: library@longfordcoco.ie Tel: 043-3341124 Registration Fee: €5.
- **The week of prayer for Christian Unity** concludes on Thursday 25th January, the feast of the conversion of St. Paul.
- **Drumlish/Ballinamuck Community Games** - Art Competition will take place on Saturday,20th January 2018 in the 98 Hall Ballinamuck from 3pm to 5pm for all children in the Parish. The age categories are as follows: Under 10 (and over 6) Under 12 (and over 10) Under 14 (and over 12) Under 16 (and over 14). Please bring along your own pencils/colours etc. and paper will be provided.
- **Bingo** continues every Tuesday in the 98 Hall. Monster Bingo - Save the date - Sunday 25th March 2018 - we are holding our Monster Bingo at 3pm in the '98 Hall in Ballinamuck, Longford.
- **Take The First Step to Overseas Volunteering!** Viatores Christi runs Overseas Volunteer training weekend courses in Dublin - if you are interested in becoming an overseas volunteer or just want to learn more about social justice call 353-1-8689986 or email apply@viatoreschristi.com for more info.
- **Mohill Computer Training** – Upcoming Spring Courses: Call 071-9632024 (email: info@mct.ie). All our courses are supported by MSLETB.
- **Life Skills , Mindfulness** & Relaxation Classes Family Centre, St. Mel's Longford. Monday 29th Jan 7.15 pm - 9.15 pm for 7 weeks. Call Geraldine 085 2749493
- **The Drumlish Senior Citizens** Committee thank everyone who attended the senior citizens party on Sunday last in the Olde Village Inn, those who donated prizes, entertainers, etc, and Tom and staff for the use of the premises.
- **Art Classes** resume in Community Centre next Wednesday from 10 to 12 a.m.
- **The Parents Association of St Mary's** National School, Drumlish are holding a 'Cake Sale and Information Event' in St Mary's National School, Drumlish on Sunday the 28th January, 2018 directly after Sunday Mass. Tea/coffee will be provided, and there will also be a raffle. Your support would be appreciated . All welcome.
- **Enrolment for St. Mary's N.S.** is open. Call to school of enrolment forms. Application forms for the academic year 2018/2019 will be accepted until Friday, 2nd March 2018.
- **Ballinamuck Enhancement AGM** takes place next Wednesday 24th January at 8.30pm in the 98 Hall. It is important that all members attend and new members most welcome.



Recent Deaths

Pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Brigid 'Monie' Corrigan, Legga—ashes interred during the week in Ballinamuck; Declan Dillon, N.Y./ Ballinamuck and Cissie Lennon, Drumgoo whose funeral takes place this Sunday after 12 o'c Mass in Ballinamuck. May they rest in peace.

Isn't it sad that in the debate on the Repeal of the Eight Amendment, that all our politicians have based their judgement on a flawed presentation by both the Citizens Assembly and the The Oireachtas Committee on the Eighth Amendment , that the life of the unborn baby is never or seldom mentioned, that the 5th Commandment Thou shall not Kill is completely ignored. St. James says "Faith without good works is dead". A society that turns on its own has lost its moral authority to defend the defenceless.

Our Nation Has Forgotten God

We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven. We have been preserved, the many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to God that made us. It behoves us, then to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.

President Abraham Lincoln's Proclamation for a National Day of Fasting [1863]