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# Parish Newsletter
# Drumlish & Ballinamuck

*"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."*

— Martin Luther King Jr.

5th Sunday of Lent Year B —19th March 2018

## Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sun 11.00: Do This in Memory
Sat 8.00: Arnie Hagan, Cloonaugh
Sun 11.00: John William Corrigan, Main St
Brendan Forde
Gerry Donnelly

## Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Pat/Brigid/Nellie/John Smith
Sat 11.00: Mary Duffy, Month's Mind
Sun 10.00: Palm (Passion) Sunday

## Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

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| Readers | Sat: | Shane Hagan & Conf. Class |
| Passion | | Rosa Collum/Maeve Flynn |
| Readers | Sun: | Orla Devlin & Conf. Class |
| Passion | | Helena Crowe/Sr. Kathleen |
| Communion | Sat: | Joe Caldwell |
| | Sun: | Brendan Murray |

## Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

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| Readers | Sun: | Kay Culliney & Conf. Class |
| Passion | | Mary McKenna/Ciaran Mulligan |
| Communion | Sun: | Mary Breslin |

***Note: If you are unable to read, please organise a sub.**

## Money Matters

Drumlish €810; Ballinamuck €340, Shrine €90. Shrove Dues €160. Many thanks.

## Palm Sunday

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. Palms will be blessed during Mass. Readers, please check the arrangements as listed above.

## Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting in Parochial House on Wednesday at 8 pm.

## UPCOMING Events

- **St Vincents Minor Football Club:** Nursery Programme: gives children ages 4 to 6 an opportunity to be introduced to sport in a friendly, fun and safe environment. If you are interested in helping out contact Enda on 086 8290649 or check out our Facebook page for the link to register.
  St. Vincent's Minor Club hold a Monster Bingo on Sunday 25th March 2018 at 3pm in the '98 Hall.
- **A Youth Gathering** will take place in the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Longford on Saturday 24th March. Brother Richard Hendrick OFM Cap and Fr Chris O'Donnell will be present.
- **Eddie Stones** will attend St Marys Church, Newtownforbes, Longford on March 24th at 2 p.m.
- **Easter Pilgrimage to Medugorje** with Marian pilgrimages. Dates: 26th March—2nd April €589, or 30th March—6th April €699. All inclusive. Contact Tom 018788159or Ursula 0877974291
- **Drumlish Library:** (1) On Thursday 22nd March at 7.30 p.m. Paul Marsden gives a talk on 'Sleep' Stress and Relaxation. Contact Helen: 0433324760 or 0868674162 or Facebook. (2) Our knitting club has resumed on Wednesday's from 2-4 pm. (3) New books available also free Wifi and Internet, we also have a new Scanner and Printer. Support welcome.
- **B Pro Heart Testing** at The Nature Trail, Health Shop, MOHILL on Saturday 24th March. Cost of test €25.00. Contact 0879766738 or 0719631818.
- **Leitrim for Life** hold a Public meeting on the 8th amendment in Canon Donohue Hall Mohill, next Wednesday 21st March at 8pm. Cup of tea and chat afterwards. All welcome.

**Life is both Sacred and a Human Right** *by Bishop Francis Duffy, is a pastoral letter dealing with the proposal to remove the Eight Amendment to the Constitution of Ireland (Article 40.3.3). Please take home and read a copy of the pastoral letter which is available at the exits of the Church. Thank you.*

## World Meeting of Families Icon

*A specially commissioned WMOF2018 icon of the Holy Family was unveiled on 21August 2017, during the launch of the one-year programme of preparation at the National Novena in Knock,. The icon was written by the Redemptoristine Contemplative Community in Drumcondra as part of their ongoing prayer for families. The icon is meant to encourage both reflection and prayer as part of the journey of preparations to World Meeting of Families 2018.*

The specially commissioned Icon for the World Meeting of Families (WMOF), which will visit every diocese in Ireland, will visit the Diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnois from 22nd to 29th March. The Icon will be in St. Mel's Cathedral on Saturday/Sunday 24th and 25th March. Each parish has been allotted a special time to come and pray for the success of the WMOF. The Parish of Drumlish & Ballinamuck have been assigned the hour 3 to 4 p.m. next Sunday, 25th March. The people of Drumlish & Ballinamuck are asked to lead prayers, reflections, hymns etc. during that hour. I invite you to make a special effort to come and support this hour. Thank you.

## Death

Pray for the repose of the soul of Jimmy Joe Corrigan, Lettergullion & Mill Oaks whose funeral took place during the week. May he rest in peace.

## Trócaire Corner

*According to the UN, in Sierra Leone average families are living on less than €50 per month. 71,000 people have benefitted from Trócaire's programmes in Sierra Leone in the last year. Women are particularly vulnerable, especially in the areas where Trócaire works: • Half of women live in violent homes; • Only 40% of women can read and write; • 50% of families do not have a reliable source of food and income. Battling hunger and malnutrition is a struggle in these communities. Your support of Trócaire can make a difference. [Visit: www.trocaire.org]*

## First Confessions

First Confessions will take place for Drumlish N.S. in Drumlish on Tuesday evening at 7.30 p.m.
First Confessions for Ballinamuck N.S. will take place on Tuesday, 17th April in Ballinamuck

## Baptism

Lara Louise McKenna d/o Damien & Sharon, Fardromin, was baptised and welcomed into our faith community last weekend.

## *Family Prayer*

*O Mary, Mother of the Life Within,*
*All life we entrust to you.*
*The life of every expectant mother*
*and the child within her womb,*
*the life of every human body*
*the life of every human soul*
*the life of every new born child*
*and the life of all grown old.*
*You held the Lord to your own heart*
*and drew Him so close in.*
*So draw us now in all our needs*
*O Mother of the Life Within.*
*Amen.*