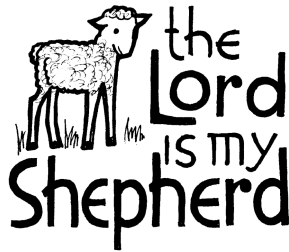
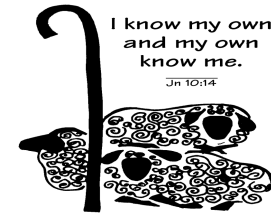


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# Drumlish & Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter



*It is a foolish sheep that makes the wolf his confessor*

*Proverb*

4th Sunday of Easter (Vocations Day) 29th April 2012

## Mass Intentions—St. Mary's

Sat 8.00: Annie Quinn & Dillon Dfm  
Sun 12.00: Dan/Kathleen +Dodie+Ledwith  
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo  
Sat 8.00: John/Margaret Kane, Main St

## Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's

Sun 10.30: Dan Sorohan  
Fri 7.30: Desmond Keenan  
Sun 10..30: Pat/James/Mary Reilly

## Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

**Readers** Sat: John Egan  
Sun: Elizabeth Devlin  
**Eucharist** Sat: Irene McNally  
Sun: Ann Davis

## Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

**Readers** Sun: Adrian Lennon  
**Eucharist** Sun: Mary Lillis

## Eucharistic Adoration

St. Mary's: Monday 10-12; Tuesday 8.30- 9.30  
St. Patrick's: Wed. 8.30-10; Thur. 10-11.

## Offertory Collection

Drumlish: €1,095; Trocaire €1,680  
Ballinamuck: €456

## First Holy Communion

First Communion in Ballinamuck on May 12th at 12 o'clock and in Drumlish on May 19th at 11 o'clock.

## Baptism

Edward Michael McKenna s/o Andrew & Sabrina, Fardrumman was baptised and welcomed into the Christian family last week.

## Eddie Stones

Eddie Stones with Fr. Michael Kennedy will attend St. Mary's Church, Newtownforbes on Saturday 5th May at 2 p.m., finishing with Mass at 5 p.m. All welcome.

## Coeliacs

Gluten-free hosts are available for Coeliacs. If you are a coeliac and you wish to receive, please let the priest know before Mass begins.

## 50th International Eucharistic Congress

The Fourth National Collection for the 50th International Eucharistic Congress will take place next weekend. (Please use envelope from packet dated 10th June). We thank you for your generous support to date and we ask you to give what you can to assist us in the preparations and the hosting of the Eucharistic Congress in June. Further information on the Congress preparations is available at [www.iec2012.ie](http://www.iec2012.ie)

## Public Meeting re: Cemetery

A public meeting regarding a new cemetery for Drumlish will be held in the Community Centre on Thursday night, 3rd May at 9.00 p.m. This is an important issue as there is less than 20 plots available in the Cemetery at present. Please attend.

## First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday. The sick and housebound will be attended. The sick and housebound in the Ballinamuck area will be attended on Wednesday and Thursday.

## Stations

The tradition of holding station Masses in the Spring time is a long and honourable practice. Now that the evenings are bright, those who wish to host a station from the Drumlish area, please contact Fr. Ber to arrange a time and date.

## Trocaire Thanks

Many thanks to all who gave so generously to the Lenten Trocaire campaign. The total figure to date for the whole parish is €4,955.

## Vocation Sunday

This Sunday is a day of special prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Is the voice of God, which has been silent for so long, crying out to be heard in our nation at this time? Who will be the good shepherds?



*I am the Good Shepherd:  
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep...I know my own and my own know me...*

## 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*