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Never do anything against conscience even if the state demands it.

Albert Einstein

Pentecost Sunday Year B — 20th May 2018

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Pat McGee, Kilnashee
Sun 11.00: Brian/Pat/Maureen Collum, Barraghmore
Tom Rogers, Brucklagh
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo
Fri 8.00: Willie Teague (MM) & Maura
Sat 8.00: Hugh/Mary Kate Collum
Sun 11.00: Joseph/Theresa Gill &
Theresa McGowan/Mary Briggs

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Bernie Mattha-Gorman, Fardromin
Fri 7.00: Michael/Maisie Mallon
Sun 10.00: Pat Sexton, Kiltycreevagh
Noel Cassidy, Fardromin

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Rosa Collum & Conf. Class
Sun: Kathleen Dunleavy & Conf. Class
Communion Sat: Irene McNally
Sun: Pat Corrigan

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Kay Culliney & Conf. Class
Communion Sun: Ryan McGee

Money Matters

Drumlish €917, Holy Land €282;
Ballinamuck €370, Holy Land €150, Shrine €70
Easter Dues €76. Many thanks.

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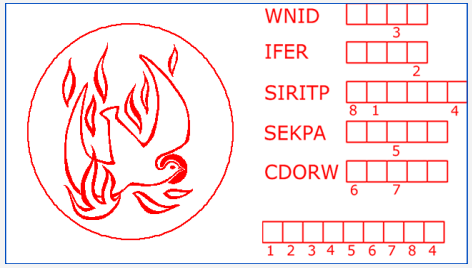

UPCOMING Events

- **Monaduff Social Club Bus for trip to Sligo** on Thursday 24th May will leave from Ballinamuck at 8 a.m. and Drumlish Church at 8.15 a.m.
- **Summer Celebration Concert by Longford County Choir** takes place on Sunday evening 27th May at 7.30 p.m. sharp. The choir will be joined by the famous ***De Strandede Hvaler Choir*** from Copenhagen and will feature many well known Irish folk pieces. Tickets on sale at all the usual outlets - and choir members.

Pentecost Sunday—a Reflection

It was the Spirit that moved the disciples out of the upper room and into the streets. Despite their fears and better judgement, they allowed themselves to be blown by the Spirit out into the world and to attract many to Jesus. This same Spirit is blowing in our world today. Yet are we as Church and as individual Christians paying attention to the movements of the Spirit? Do we make our decisions in line with the Spirit's urgings, or are we guided by intellectual caution and our fearful hearts? Pentecost is called the birthday of the Church. Our call is to let go of our fears and to allow the Spirit to surprise us and blow us in the direction that God wishes.

[Fr Con O'Connell MSC]

Congratulations to the children of St. Mary's N.S. Drumlish who made their First Holy Communion this weekend. Thanks to their families and teachers who have helped them to this stage. The following made their First Holy Communion:

Sophie Byrne	Darragh Connolly
Ailbhe Corr	Calum Costigan
Emmet Crowe	Dylan Curwin
Aaron Devlin	Cara Farrell
Katie Farrell	Ryan Farrell
Shane Farrell	Johathan Gajdŏs
Ruairi Gibbons	Emilly Kalina
Julia Kalina	Caoimhe Kane
Holly McKenna	Lyndsey Lee-Curwin
Mikey Mollaghan	Sarah Mollaghan
Ria Nertney	Ruby Nertney
David Oracko	Anna-Maria Pompova
Caren Pompova	Seán Prunty
Aaron Smyth	Emma Vaskova

Tax Refund

I ask all who received tax reclaim forms during the week to complete and return all tax reclaim forms at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

You will receive power
when the Holy Spirit comes on you;
and you will be my witnesses
to the ends of the earth
Acts 1:8

Message from Bishop Francis

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From the moment of conception human life begins its journey of growth and development. The baby in the womb is human, genetically unique, he or she has a right to that life. Human life, once begun, should be allowed to continue until its natural end. The one definite fact about abortion is that it will end a human life. The Eighth Amendment does not victimise, or deny medical treatment, instead it protects mothers and babies

The Special Child—

The child, yet unborn,
spoke with the Father.
"Lord, how will I survive
in the world?
My walk may be slower,
my speech hard to understand.
I may look different.
What is to become of me?"
The Lord replied to the child,
"My precious one, have no fear.
I will give you exceptional parents.
They will love you because
you are special, not in spite of it.
Though your path through life
will be difficult,
your reward will be greater.
You have been blessed with
a special ability to love,
and those whose lives you touch
will be blessed
because you are special."

[author unknown]