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# Drumlish & Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter



*"There are many elder sons and elder daughters who are lost while still at home."*

— Henri J.M. Nouwen

4th Sunday of Lent Year C— 31st March 2019

## Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: William/Theresa Caldwell  
Sun 11.00: Christy Kennedy & Dfm, Currabawn  
Martha Gunshinan RIP Drumlish Hill  
Mon 9.30: Pro Populo

## Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Brian McDermott, Gaigue  
Fri 7.00: Packie Joe Lynch & Dfm, Lettergunnell  
Sun 10.00: Brigid Donnelly

## Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Kathleen Kelleher  
Sun: First Communion Parents  
Communion Sat: Kathleen Gill  
Sun: Marian McNally

## Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: First Communion Parents  
Communion Sun: Mary Breslin

## Money Matters

Offertory €1,028, Dues €98, Lenten Alms €144,  
Shrine €360. Thank you.

## Baptism

George John Quinn s/o Dylan & Sarah, Gubadorish was baptised and welcomed into our faith family last weekend. Congratulations to all concerned.

## Mother's Day

*Wishing all mothers our prayerful blessings today.  
Thanks to all mothers for their love and gentle care.  
They are our unsung heroes—the real stars of today*



*Eucharistic Adoration takes place after 9.30 Mass each Monday for one hour in St. Mary's Church Drumlish and before 7 p.m. Mass each Friday in Ballinamuck.*



- **St Vincents Minor Football Club : Monster Bingo:** our Annual Bingo Fundraiser on Sunday 14th April 2019 @ 3pm, in the '98 Memorial Hall, Ballinamuck. €2,500 in prize money and Easter Eggs page. Also a monster raffle on the day.
- **VTOS (Vocational Training Scheme):** Are you over 21 and unemployed? If so you could join the VTOS programme and receive business and computer training free of charge. Contact Maeve Madden, Longford VTOS. Tel 087 2050589 asap.
- **The Diocesan Safeguarding Conference** takes place on Tuesday, April 2nd, at 8 pm in St. Mel's College, Longford. (Tea/Coffee @ 7.30pm). The theme: Safeguarding: An ongoing challenge and a vital ministry in the church in Ireland. Teresa Devlin, CEO of the National Safeguarding Board for the Catholic Church in Ireland is the guest speaker. All are welcome.
- **Mohill Computer Training** – QQI Level 3 in Communications will start on Monday 15th April from 1.30pm to 4.00 pm (Monday to Thursday) each week for 4 weeks. Evening Courses: Digital Photography starting on Tuesday 26th March from 7pm to 9pm and Navigating Modern Living starting on Wednesday 27th March from 7pm to 9.30pm. Call 071-9632024 (email: info@mct.ie).
- **First Friday calls** next week in Ballinamuck will be on Thursday and in Drumlish on Friday.
- **Free Structured Patient Education Programme** for People with Type Two Diabetes' is starting on the 9th April 2019 in Ballyminion Primary Care Centre, Longford. This is a 6 week programme; every Tuesday morning for 6 weeks. If you have diabetes and are interested in attending contact Maeve on 057 8697533.
- **Longford Westmeath Education & Training Board,** FET Centre Block A, Church Street, Longford. Drop in Morning - 3rd April 2019 - 10am—1pm. Meet the staff—see the facilities. Get information on upcoming courses.



## The Prodigal Son Word Search

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A	E	O	B	T	V	O	P	E	S	P	E	R	G	Q
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N	R	J	P	R	O	D	I	G	A	L	G	R	E	A
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D	A	N	C	I	N	G	G	F	E	E	R	H	D	P
F	A	T	T	E	D	N	M	U	S	I	C	Y	O	U
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A	I	M	P	R	F	D	H	C	E	B	X	S	S	L

Parable	Prodigal	sons
Father	property	divided
traveled	distant	country
squandered	dissolute	pigs
hunger	heaven	worthy
compassion	kissed	slaves
robe	ring	sandals
fatted	calf	celebrate
elder	music	dancing
angry	plead	disobeyed

## LEN

- † Masses on Wednesday mornings in Drumlish will be at **7.30 a.m. and 9.30 a.m.** during Lent.
- † The hour's reflection on the next Sunday readings continues on Thursdays in the Parochial House at 8.
- † Once they had a home in Syria. Maya's father Hasan had his own small business. Then war broke out. It is now the worst humanitarian crisis since the end of World War II. As bombs rained down, the family—along with half of all Syrians—walked away from their homes to survive the war. Their new life in a Lebanon refugee camp is hard. They are traumatised by what they've endured. Trócaire boxes available at the exits of the church.
- † The terrible suffering of our brothers and sisters in southern Africa as a result of Cyclone Idai cries out for a generous response on our part. Up to 2.5 million people have been left in urgent need of humanitarian aid after the cyclone destroyed large parts of the three countries. The confirmed death toll in Zimbabwe, neighbouring Mozambique and Malawi has risen above 500, with hundreds more feared dead in remote towns and villages that were completely submerged. You can help by supporting Trócaire.

## Lourdes Pilgrimage

The Ardagh & Clonmacnois Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from 26th to 31st May. Five nights fully inclusive is €749. Concessions for assisted pilgrims who will be accommodated at the hospital. Contact: Joe Walsh Tours (01) 2410812 or (01) 2410811. Pilgrimage Director: Mons. B. Noonan, Moate (090) 6481180. Director for Sick/Assisted Pilgrims: Rev. M Scanlon (090) 6457122.

## The Prodigal Son—a Reflection!

*"The farther I run away from the place where God dwells, the less I am able to hear the voice that calls me the Beloved, and the less I hear that voice, the more entangled I become in the manipulations and power games of the world."*

[Henri J.M. Nouwen, Return of the Prodigal Son]