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Drumlish & Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter



*Nature is the
art of God*
Dante Alighieri

22nd Sunday of Year C — 1st September 2019

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Michael Kane/Tristan Collins
Sun 11.00: Barney Reilly & Dfm, Kilmahon
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo
Sun 11.00: Kate Ann/Peter/Petie/Jimmy Reilly

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: No Intention
Fri 7.00: Kathleen Sorohan
Sat 7.00: Garden of Remembrance Mass
Sun 10.00: Seamus O'Toole
Declan Collum

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Shane Hagan
Sun: Billy Kelleher
Communion Sat: Kathleen McNally
Sun: Brendan Murray

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Adrian Lennon
Communion Sun: Ryan McGee

Money Matters

Offertory €1131, Harvest Dues €1544. Sincere thanks for your continued generosity.

Harvest Thanksgiving



The Harvest Thanksgiving will take place on Sunday 15th September in both Ballinamuck and Drumlish. Those who normally organise this celebration are asked to meet and arrange the programme of thanksgiving.



- **St. Vincent's Minor Football Club** have rescheduled their Parish league to Saturday 7th September starting at 12 noon.
- **Monaduff Social Club trip to Waterford** on Monday 2nd September—bus leaves from Ballinamuck at 9.15 a.m. and from Church in Drumlish at 9.30 a.m.
- **Mohill Computer Training Information Session:** Come to our open information session on Tuesday 27th August at 10.30am in Mohill Enterprise Centre to find out more about our full-time QQI Level 5 Computer Applications for the Workplace programme, starting on Monday 9th September 2019. Call 071 9632024 or email naomi@mct.ie
- **Longford Arthritis Branch** are running a six week Course, 2 half-hour sessions in Family Centre, St Mel's Road, Longford, starting Tue 10th Sept @ 7.30p.m. Fee € 32 [Medical card holders €24. Course Leader: Mary 087 1404200 or 086 3654350. Also, Seated Exercises with Chartered Physio Jennifer, starts Wed 4th Sept @ 11am Family Centre. Cost: £30. Tel. Mary 087 1404200 or 085 7514551.
- **Beginning Experience weekend 18-20 October** for people who have lost a spouse through death, divorce or separation Esker Retreat Centre Athenry; further information Maureen 0876646896 or Josie 0879881143!!
- **Irish Blood Transfusion Service is in in Community Centre, Loch Gowna** on Wed/Thur (4th/5th Sept.) from 4.30 to 8.00 p.m. Help ensure essential blood supplies are always available.
- **National Learning Week:** Do you or someone you know need a fresh start, are you between 18 and 65. National Learning Network offer free specialized courses which might suit you. If yes, call in to the Employment, Training and Information Fair in the Longford Arms Hotel between 11am and 2pm on Thursday 12th September 2019. Ph. Hilary on 0867839078 or longford@nlm.ie 0433342255
- **First Friday calls** on Thursday in Ballinamuck and in Drumlish on Friday at the usual times.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock



The Diocesan Pilgrimage will take place this Sunday 1st September. Ceremonies begin with Anointing of the sick at 2.30 followed by Mass at 3 p.m. led by Bishop Francis Duffy. A bus will leave from Ballymahon St. Longford (Heaton's) at 11 a.m. Return fare €10 and can be booked through the Parish. As we prepare for our Diocesan Assembly in May 2020 this is a good opportunity to thank God for his many blessings and to ask his guidance re: the upcoming Assembly.

Clonmacnois Pattern Day



Annual Pattern Day at Clonmacnois takes place on Sunday 8th September beginning at 2.45pm. This year's Pilgrimage coincides with the 40th Anniversary of the visit of St. Pope John Paul II in 1979. This is an important pilgrimage site in our Diocese and is worth a visit from both a spiritual and historical context.

Care of Creation



Today is World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. *"The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation, raising to God our thanks for the marvellous works that he has entrusted to our care, invoking his help for the protection of creation and his mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live."* (Pope Francis).

Where Shall I Work Today?

"Father, where shall I work today?
And my love flowed warm and free.
Then He pointed me out a tiny spot,
And said, "Tend that for me."
I answered quickly, "Oh, no, not that.
Why, no one would ever see,
No matter how well my work was done.
Not that little place for me!"
And the word He spoke, it was not stern,
He answered me tenderly,
"Ah, little one, search that heart of thine;
Art thou working for them or me?
Nazareth was a little place,
And so was Galilee."
[The Disciplines of Life by V. Raymond Edman]

All Invited to the Banquet

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of a great banquet to explain God's vision for our world. Today is an important day, as we begin the Season of Creation (from 1 September until the Feast of St Francis on 4 October). Pope Francis asks all Christians to embrace this season in prayer, in living more sustainably and in raising our voices in the public sphere. We are invited to think more deeply about what is happening at present to the Earth, the environmental destruction which now threatens our world, our common home. Our faith calls us to respond to this crisis with urgency. Let us hear the Gospel message today, where we are called to consider those on the margins, including those most at risk from climate change, and let us commit to working towards a world where all are seated at the banquet.

[Jane Mellett, Extract from Intercom]