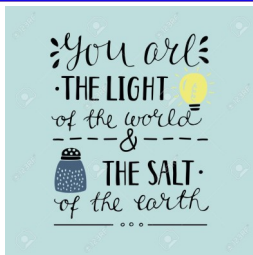


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— Pope Francis

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A - 9th February 2020

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8:00: Martha Gunshinan
Mon 9:30: Misa Pro Populo
Tue 9:30: Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes—World Day of the Sick
Fri 8:00: Fergal Mulleady
Sun 11:00: Mary McGee, Cloncowley

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10:00: Mairead Lynch
Fri 7:00: Joseph Slevin & dfm, Cloncowley
Sun 10:00: Michael/Mary Flynn
Paddy/Margaret Cassidy, Fardromin

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Theresa Whitney & Conf. Class
Sun: Kathleen Dunleavy & Conf. Clas
Communion Sat: Kathleen McNally
Sun: Mary Gillooley

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Kay Culliney & Conf Class
Communion Sun: Cora McKenna

Change of Mass Arrangements

At a recent meeting of the Longford deanery, Bishop Francis has asked that, due to the fall off in people attending Mass and the growing shortage and ageing profile of the priests of the Diocese, every parish should cut back on the number of Masses at the weekends. In the short term that would mean one Mass in each church at the weekend for smaller or rural parishes. It would mean only one Mass in Drumlish and Ballinamuck at the weekend. The details of this will be worked out with the Parish Pastoral Council and in conjunction with the Parishes of Longford, Newtownforbes, Killoe, Killashee. It is further suggested that the evening Mass in Clondra be replaced with a Sunday evening Mass in the Cathedral serviced by the priests of the deanery. The Cathedral in turn would drop a Mass.



- **St Patrick's NS Ballinamuck:** Enrolment for new Junior Infants for September 2020 will take place from 24th January to Friday 20th March 2020. Application forms can be obtained from school by email ballinamuckschool@gmail.com or from the office 043 3324063 (9.30am to 1.30pm)
- **Breath Stretch & Relax.** Improve your Focus, Posture, Balance, Mobility, Muscle Strength & Flexibility. Classes on the Mat starting Thu. 6th Feb. @ 7.30 in '98 Hall Ballinamuck. Contact 0872868254 for details.
- **The Spirituality of Recovery:** A Practical day for Families Affected by Addiction with Mr Sean Harty. February 15th, 10.30am – 3.30pm. €20 per person or €25 per couple. €10 unwaged including lunch. Booking.info@galilee.ie 071-966-4101. Sean Harty is an accredited Addiction Counsellor and Clinical Supervisor with Addiction Counsellors of Ireland where he serves as Chairperson.
- **Mohill Computer Training** – Upcoming Courses in 2020: a couple of places still available on our Part Time QQI Level 3 and Level 4 computer applications programmes. Evening courses beginning in February: Internet Security and Basic Computing, Digital Photography, Sustainable Energy for the Community, Arts, & Crafts . 071-9632024 (email: info@mct.ie).
- **Aughawillan Drama** presents 'Anyone can rob a Bank'. Ticket only: Booking Michelle 087-6486804. Curtain 8.30 Sharp. Thur. 20th, Fri. 21st, Sat. 22nd, and Sun. 23rd February.
- **Drumlish Tidy Town's** appeal to those who have footpath frontage to their homes and business to give a hand this year to powerwash their space. Tidy Town's resources are very limited, so it will not be possible to powerwash everywhere. Speak to committee members who might be able to support you with this. New helpers welcome!
- **Parish Finance Committee Meeting** will take place in the Parochial House, Drumlish on Wednesday evening at 8 p.m.

- **AGM of Drumlish Ballinamuck Area Development CLG** takes place on Tues. 25th February in the DB Men's Shed at 8.30p.m. This team is a conduit for larger tranches of funding than those available to community groups - it is in everyone's interest to support.
- **Fun Food & Health Project** coming this March to the Attic House run by Foróige. It is an interactive 6 week programme for young people aged 13+ years and will start on the 3rd March at 4.30pm-6.30pm. Cost is €30 for the complete 6 weeks. Limited spaces available and Registration is a must. Contact 0860144832 or email Cyril.reilly@foroige.ie for more information.
- **Monaduff Social Club** first get-together for 2020 will be held on Saturday next, 15th February in Monaduff from 3 to 5 p.m. We look forward to seeing you all and new members are very welcome.
- **Bus to Divine Mercy Conference** on Saturday 22nd February leaves Ballinamuck 7.45 a.m. and Cathedral Car Park 8.00 a.m. To book ring 087-6378619 or 087-9980615
- **Ardagh & Clonmacnois Pilgrimage to Lourdes** 2020 is from 29th May—03 June—five nights. Fully inclusive €749, Contact Joe Wlash Tours 143 Lower Baggot St, Dublin 2. Tel. 012410812 or 012410811. Pilgrimage Director Rt. Rev. Mons. Bernard Noonan, Moate, Co. Westmeath. 090-6481180. Director for Sick/Assisted Pilgrims: Rev. Michael Scanlon, Cloghan, Co Offaly. 0906457122.
- **Co. Longford Historical Society Lecture** on Wednesday, 12 February. Dr Eileen Reilly will speak on 'The Revolution and the Novel: Canon Joseph Guinan and The Patriots'. The lecture will consider a novel by Canon Guinan (1864-1932) PP of Ardagh, which was inspired by events in Longford during the period 1919-23.

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