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WHEN WORDS
ARE BOTH
true &
kind
THEY CAN
CHANGE THE WORLD

Drumlish & Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter



Remember, when you
forgive, you heal. And
when you let go, you
grow

First Sunday of Lent Year A - 1st March 2020

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Frank/Mary Theresa McCann
Sun 11.00: Frankie/Monica Mulleady
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo
Fri 8.00: John Byrne, Derryheelan
Sat 8.00: Breda McNally & Dfm
Micheál Diffley
Jimmy Joe Corrigan
Pat/Lena Whitney
Sun 11.00: Anna Rita McDermott

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Mary Duffy & Maureen Dooley &
Duffy/Flanagan Dfm
Mon 7.00: Martin Collum, MM, Lettergullion
Fri 7.00: Joe/Mollie/J.P. Corrigan & Dfm.
Sun 10.00: Pat/Bridget Nellie/John Smith Thownagh

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Mary Ross
Sun: Dympna Davis
Communion Sat: Mary Gearty
Sun: Sr. Kathleen Duffy

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Emma Clancy
Communion Sun: Deirdre Garvey

Money Matters

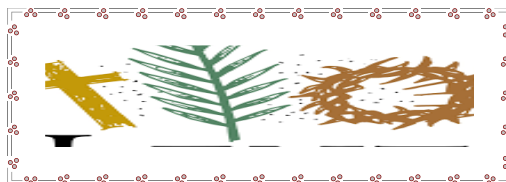
Offertory €1,018, Dues €1,767. Thank you for your continued support.

Parish Pastoral Council

We are in the process of renewing the Parish Pastoral Council which has served for the past five years. We thank the present Pastoral Council for their service to the Parish. If you would like to serve on the new Parish Pastoral Council, please text Fr. Ber at 0868213422 with your name and phone number before the end of March. Thank you.



- **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 ballinamucknschool@gmail.com or from the office 043 3324063 (9.30am to 1.30pm)
- **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
- **DB Mens' Shed seven week computer course** commencing Monday 2nd March to Mon 6th April from 7 to 9. Beginners and non members welcome.
- **Silent Retreat** preached by Fr. Kilian Byrne at Esker Retreat Centre, Athenry, Galway from April 13th to April 19th. Cost €380 full board. Contact Helen at 0861678027 or hellywilliams@gmail.com. The theme is: *'If you but knew the gift of God.'*
- **6 weeks of gentle yoga** at the Drumlish Community Centre starting on February 25th and will run each Tuesday evening 8-9pm. €50 for 6 weeks.
- **Monaduff Social Club** hold their AGM in Monaduff on Monday 2nd March at 8 p.m. A Mass will be celebrated for the deceased members of our Club in Monaduff on Saturday 21st March at 3 p.m. We look forward to large attendance for this day.
- **Bible Reflection continues for Lent** at the Parochial House Drumlish on Thursdays from 8 to 9 p.m. Focus is on next Sunday's Gospel. Welcome.
- **First Confession** for the children of St. Mary's N.S Drumlish takes place this Monday at 7 p.m.



Temptation of Jesus in the Desert

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WILDERNESS

TEMPTED
DEVIL
FASTED
FORTY
HUNGRY
STONES
LOAVES
ANGELS
FOOT
SATAN
WORSHIP



How few of us know wilderness, here in these towns, sprawling cities, the gray of their streets, green shrunk down to dots of lawn, patches of park, the remnant trees silent in their memories of an earth mourning its lost forests as Rachel would mourn for her children.

Perhaps this is wilderness: this loss of wild nature, its replacement by concrete and asphalt and steel, its thinning rivers, its sickened oceans, its creatures dwindling like the leaves of a disease-stricken tree.

Perhaps this wilderness is where the Christ must come today: into this new human solitude, this place slowly being emptied of all life not our own, this place where even God becomes harder to find, our relationship to the divine put under hard pressure, our temptation to be ourselves the only god we will serve, tempted to pretend we are invulnerable.

O Holy One, come into this, our self-made wilderness. Come be with us in the loneliness of our cell phones and computers, come be with us in our hunger for the meaning of our life, come into the wasteland we are making of the earth, this kingdom of our arrogance where we so often forget the life-giving love of God.

O Holy One, help us here, before this wilderness becomes one we do not know how to leave.

[Andrew King]