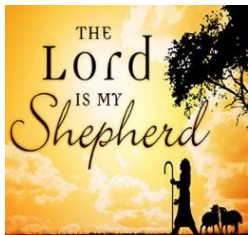
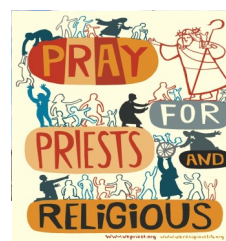


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# Newsletter Drumlish & Ballinamuck



You can waste your lives drawing lines, or you can live your life crossing them

*Shonda Rhimes*

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A (Vocations Sunday) - 3rd May 2020

## Mass Intentions

Because celebration of public Masses is prohibited for the duration of the Covid-19 outbreak, Mass will be offered privately (*with no congregation*) for the intentions which have been booked already. The Mass intentions will be published each week on the parish Newsletter. You can access the Parish Newsletter on the Parish Web at [www.drumlishoparish.ie](http://www.drumlishoparish.ie).

If you wish to cancel or defer the Mass to a later date, please contact or text me at 0868213422. The following will be remembered in Masses this week.

Sun 3d May: Annie Quinn & Quinn/Dillon Dfm  
Desmond Keenan, Gaigue  
Michael/Mary Ann Reilly &  
Joseph Fitzsimons  
Rose Coffey

Mon 4th May: Misa pro Populo

## Finance Arrangements

\* Money received since the 21st April included: Offertory €550, Easter Dues €480, Shrine €165, Lenten Alms €45, Trócaire €55. Thank you for your continued support.

\* For those who don't use the envelope system, you can still contribute using an ordinary envelope.

\* Contributions to Trócaire Lenten Boxes may be handed in to the Parochial House Drumlish or alternatively you can send directly to Trócaire using their envelope which is enclosed with their kit. If paying directly to Trócaire, I ask you to enclose a note naming our parish and diocese. Thank you.

## Act of Spiritual Communion



*"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen"*



- **COVID-19 Support Line for Older People:** ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.
- **Invitation from Galilee Spirituality Centre:** Although our doors are currently closed, our prayer community extends far beyond our walls. We invite you to join us (virtually) on Thursdays, 9.00-9.30pm for prayer for all affected by the COVID19 outbreak and for all who care for them. Please let us know you are with us in spirit by getting in touch [info@galilee.ie](mailto:info@galilee.ie) or 071-966-4101 and let us know any particular prayer needs.

### Excerpt: To Bless the Space between Us

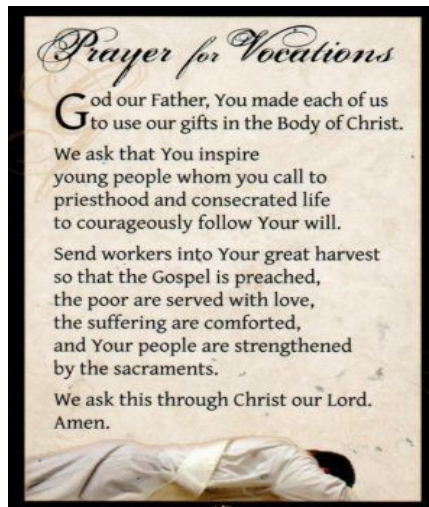
*John O'Donoghue*

This is the time to be slow,  
Lie low to the wall  
Until the bitter weather passes.  
Try, as best you can, not to let  
The wire brush of doubt  
Scrape from your heart  
All sense of yourself  
And your hesitant light.  
If you remain generous,  
Time will come good;  
And you will find your feet  
Again on fresh pastures of promise,  
Where the air will be kind  
And blushed with beginning.

## Message of Pope Francis on Vocation Sunday

Dear friends, on this day in particular, but also in the ordinary pastoral life of our communities, I ask the Church to continue to promote vocations. May she touch the hearts of the faithful and enable each of them to discover with *gratitude* God's call in their lives, to find *courage* to say "yes" to God, to *overcome all weariness* through faith in Christ, and to make of their lives a song of *praise* for God, for their brothers and sisters, and for the whole world. May the Virgin Mary accompany us and intercede for us.

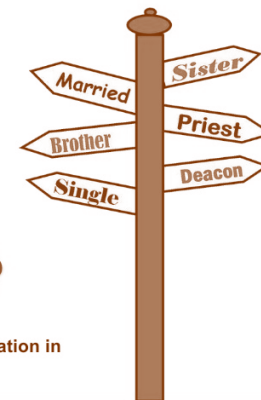
—Pope Francis, World Day of Prayer for Vocations, 2020.



## ACCORD, Covid-19 Couples and Relationships Support Line.

**If you need to speak to an experienced couples or relationship counsellor during this time of unprecedented stress and pressure on family life, contact 01 531 3331, 9.00am – 8.00pm Monday to Friday.**

## WHERE ARE YOU GOING?



Discerning One's Vocation in Life



**What does GOD want of me?**  
— YEAR OF VOCATIONS —

## Month of Mary

The month of May is associated with Mary and the special devotion due to her as the Mother of God. In the absence of Mass there is a need for a more formal and structured way of praying. I suggest praying the Rosary, or at least part of it, would meet that need. If you have small children in your home, most of them would be delighted to take their turn at praying a decade of the Rosary. Also, there is a long standing tradition of having a May altar during this month— why not set up a little May altar or sacred space in your sitting room, hall way or even kitchen as a way of focussing on '*our spiritual journey*' during these difficult and challenging days?

