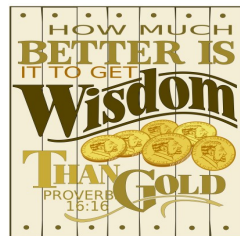


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“Seek the wisdom of the ages, but look at the world through the eyes of a child.”

Ron Wild

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A - 26th July 2020

Mass Intentions

Drumlish

Sun 11.00: Peggy Dunleavy
Tue 10.00: Tom Crowe, Derawley
Wed 10.00: Martha/Michael/Patrick Reynolds
Thur 11.00: Confirmation (Group 1)
1.00: Confirmation (Group 2)
Fri 8.00: Louise McKeon nee McGann
Sat 2.00: Jason Donohue, MM, Drumlish Hill

Ballinamuck:

Sun 10.00: John Joe/Margaret Donnelly
Peter/Kathleen Carthy
Patricia/Tommy/Elizabeth Whitney
Fri 12.00: Confirmation

Note: Because of the limited numbers permitted to attend Church at any one time, the weekend Masses will be kept free of bookings—those who wish to book Mass may avail of the weekday Masses. [Existing bookings will be honoured and we will continue to pray for your deceased at weekends].



Offertory €1,168, Pentecost Dues €202. Holy Land €77, Trócaire €10, Peter's Pence €178. Thank you for your support.

Readers for Next Week

Drumlish:

Readers Sat: Collette Brennan
Sun: Dolores Kane

Ballinamuck:

Reader Sun: Adrian Lennon

Confirmation

Confirmation will take place in Drumlish on Thursday 30th July at 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. and in Ballinamuck on Friday 31st July at 12.00 a.m. **Please remember that restrictions continue regarding numbers attending and social distancing.**

Guidelines to the public Celebration of Mass

Those attending Mass in Drumlish/Ballinamuck are asked to sign in, using the book provided at the main entrance. This is to insure traceability in the event of anyone contracting the Covid-19 virus. When attending Mass, please observe the following guidelines:

- Wash your hands before and after attending Mass
 - Sanitise your hands as you enter and leave Church
 - Observe social distancing, as marked
 - Wearing a face cover/mask is recommended
 - Enter by main door and Exit by side doors
 - Offerings/Envelopes should be placed in the basket in front of altar at end of Mass on exiting.
 - When receiving Holy Communion, please come seat by seat, starting at the front and returning by the side passages, while observing social distance. All receive Communion on the hands.
- Thank you for your cooperation and keep safe.

Note: in view of recent regulations, particularly relating to 'subdivisions' it is not possible for now to increase the capacity of our two churches in Drumlish & Ballinamuck beyond the number 50.

The Indulgences of St. Mary of the Portiuncula

These indulgences may be gained on 2nd August, or on another day determined by the Ordinary for the convenience of the people, by visiting the parish church, reciting there the Lord's Prayer and the Creed, in addition to sacramental confession, Holy Communion and prayer for the intention of the Pope. The visit may be made from noon the previous day until midnight on the day itself.

Marriage

Congratulations and best wishes to Eileen Nertney, Cloonmacart and Oliver Monaghan, Lisduff Cross who were married last weekend in St. Mary's Church, Drumlish. Wishing them joy and happiness.

The Deep End

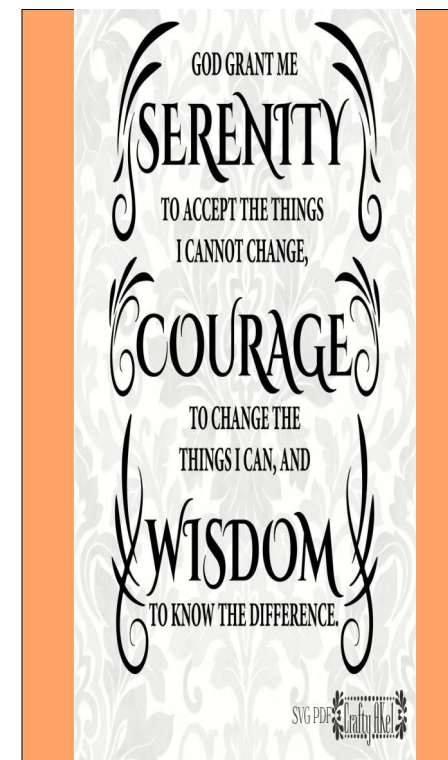
Today's parable focuses on treasure, something very precious. When we are obsessed with finding something, it consumes us. We will put all our resources, time or money, into finding it. In this parable, Jesus urges us to strive for the ultimate treasure, i.e. God. During the Covid-19 crisis, many people have been thinking about what is most important in their lives. A break from the 'rat race' forced all of us to slow down, to step back, to 'pull the emergency brake.' We saw who the real heroes in our society are. We witnessed many acts of kindness and community spirit. We stepped back, paused. No doubt, things will not be the same again after this pandemic. But hopefully we will have awakened to what our 'treasure' really is. 'Historically, pandemics have forced humans to break with the past and imagine their world anew. This one is no different. It is a portal, a gateway between one world and the next. We can choose to walk through it, dragging the carcasses of our prejudice and hatred, our avarice, our data banks and dead ideas, our dead rivers and smoky skies behind us. Or we can walk through lightly, with little luggage, ready to imagine another world.' Arundhati Roy, 'The Pandemic is a Portal,' Financial Times. [Jane Mellett, Extract from Intercom]

Readings this Weekend

- **The first reading.** In the original Hebrew text of this reading, King Solomon asks God for the gift of a listening heart. Thereafter, Solomon was noted for his great wisdom, but his initial request was itself a wise one.
- **The second reading.** All things work together for the good of those who love God. In this short statement from the letter to the Romans, Paul teaches us about God's providence, his ability to foresee and bless all our circumstances. Our task is not to understand how God is doing this, but to trust that it is happening.
- **The Gospel.** The people in the first two parables sell all they own to obtain a treasure they have found. The third parable cautions us against expecting perfection, even as we receive God's gift.

A Prayer of St Ignatius of Loyola, 31 July

O Christ Jesus, when all is darkness and we feel our weakness and helplessness, give us the sense of Your presence, Your love, and Your strength. Help us to have perfect trust in Your protecting love and strengthening power, so that nothing may frighten or worry us, for, living close to You, we shall see Your hand, Your purpose, Your will through all things.



Wishing all the young people in our parish who are making their Confirmation this week and their families many blessings and good wishes