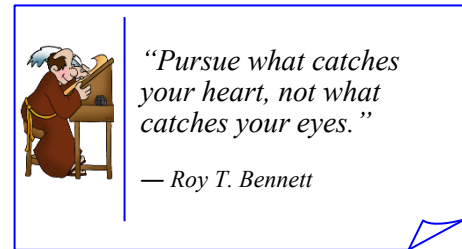
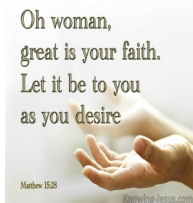


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20th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A -16th August 2020

Mass Intentions

Drumlish

Sun 11.00: Misa Pro Populo
Wed 10.00: Patrick/Lea Conlon
Fri 8.00: Vera Doyle, Cloncowley

Ballinamuck:

Sun 10.00: Tom/Chris Donnelly
Mon 7.00: Andrew Clarke, Roscommon

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 €930, Pentecost Dues €160, Shrine €185 Peter's Pence €30. Thank you for your support. For those who don't use the envelope system to contribute, there are special **Priests Dues Envelopes**, which go to support the priests of the parish at the entrance to the church. Thank you.

Readers for Next Week

Drumlish:

Readers Sat: Mary Ross
Sun: Kathleen Dunleavy

Ballinamuck:

Reader Sun: Emma Clancy

Baptism

Conon Paul O'Hara s/o Paul & Rachel, 19 Glasheen was baptised and welcomed into our faith family last weekend. Congratulations to all concerned.

Wedding

Congratulations and best wishes to Ciaran Cooney, Barraghmore and Caoimhe Smith, Carrickallen who were married last weekend in Carrickallen.

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.

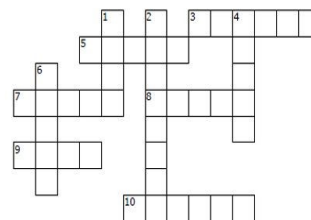
"Don't Just

Don't just learn, experience.
Don't just read, absorb.
Don't just change, transform.
Don't just relate, advocate.
Don't just promise, prove.
Don't just criticize, encourage.
Don't just think, ponder.
Don't just take, give.
Don't just see, feel.
Don't just dream, do.
Don't just hear, listen.
Don't just talk, act.
Don't just tell, show.
Don't just exist, live."
— Roy T. Bennett



Never Give Up

Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." Matthew 15:28 (NIV)
Based on Matthew 15:21-28 (NIV)



ACROSS

- 3. To experience physical or mental pain
- 5. An adult female human being
- 7. The Son of God
- 8. An very large amount of something
- 9. Unable to be found
- 10. Small pieces of bread or cake

DOWN

- 1. Animals with four legs, commonly kept as pets, and sometimes used to guard things
- 2. A female child in relation to her parents
- 4. To have trust or confidence in something or someone
- 6. An evil spirit

JESUS	DAUGHTER	SUFFER	CRUMBS	DEMON
WOMAN	GREAT	FAITH	DOGS	LOST

The Deep End—A Woman of Faith

Today's gospel recounts an unusual exchange between Jesus and the unnamed Canaanite woman who challenges him. She has seen what Jesus can do, she has faith, and she is advocating for her daughter. She is persistent, shouting out to Jesus and apparently also badgering the disciples, to the point where they plead with Jesus to 'give her what she wants.' It's a strange story, with Jesus at first appearing cold in his response to the woman. But as we know, he has a tendency to test his followers. Jesus can see that she is a person of strong faith, clever and determined. Jesus does not want us to be silent, compliant or complacent. He rejoices in those who are brave and persistent, and eager to challenge the injustices they see around them – those who have the gift of changing minds and hearts. We might call it the gift of prophecy.

[Extract: *Intercom*. Triona Doherty]

The Tenacity of the Canaanite Woman

In Matthew 15, the Canaanite woman was in a desperate crisis. Her daughter was vexed with an oppressing demonic spirit. In a natural sense, she was without hope, but her faith allowed her to place her trust in Jesus. And by faith she pressed in on him and called out his name in faith believing that he would help her. This impressed Jesus. So he tested her mettle further with a statement that would seem to exclude her: "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." "True," she said. "But even the dogs eat scraps from the master's table." Even though she knew she was unworthy to receive his grace, her tenacity and faith pleased the Lord! She believed that even the crumbs of mercy that would fall from Jesus' table were enough to save her daughter. And Jesus instantly delivered her daughter! Be tenacious with Jesus. Press into him with your needs and await your answer!

Taken from "Tenacity Has its Rewards" by PowerPoint Ministries