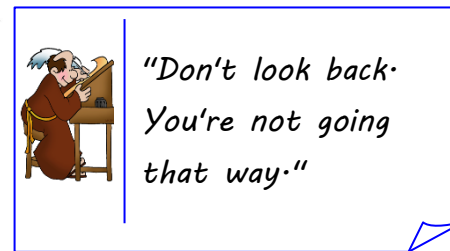


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22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A - 30th August 2020

**Mass Intentions**

**Drumlish**

Sun 11.00: Misa Pro Populo  
Fri 8.00: Michael Kane, Longford Rd.  
Sun 11.00: Kate Ann/Peter/Petie/Jimmy Reilly

**Ballinamuck:**

Sun 10.00: Private Intention  
Sun 9.30: Seamus O'Toole

*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 €725, Priest's Dues €150, Peter's Pence €20. Harvest Dues this weekend. For those who don't use the envelope system to contribute, there are special **Priests Dues Envelopes** (which go to the upkeep of the priests) at the entrance to the church. Thank you for your continued support.

**Readers for Next Week**

**Drumlish:**

Readers Sat: Rosa Collum  
Sun: Dympna Davis

**Ballinamuck:**

Reader Sun: Adrian Lennon

**Baptisms**

Amy Jane Murphy d/o Dan & Amanda and Tadhg Patrick McKeon s/o Patrick & Sharon were baptised and welcomed into our faith community last weekend. Congratulations to all concerned.

**Death**

Pray for the repose of the soul of Martin Devlin whose funeral took place this week. Rest in peace.

**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. Sincere thanks to the Covid-19 Committees and volunteers in both Drumlish and Ballinamuck for the tremendous work they are doing in keeping our churches sanitised and keeping us safe.*

**Fr. Joe on Transfer**

As most of you are aware, Fr. Joe McGrath is on transfer as CC to Mount Temple, Moate Parish. We thank Fr. Joe for his services to this parish over the past 5 years. While his primary commitment was to St. Mel's College, he gave invaluable service to our parish, especially at the weekends. We will miss his zest for life, his creative liturgies and particularly his singing. We wish you well Fr. Joe in your new appointment and pray that it will be one of many blessings and enrichment.

**St. Mary's N.S. Drumlish**

What categories of children should not attend school?  
If your child is in one of the following categories, they should **not** attend school

- ♦ Children who have been diagnosed with Covid-19
- ♦ Children who have been in close contact with a person who has been diagnosed with Covid-19
- ♦ Children who have a suspected case of Covid-19 and the outcome of the test is pending
- ♦ Children who have been in contact with a person who has a suspected case of Covid-19 and the outcome of the test is pending
- ♦ Children with underlying health conditions who have been directed by a medical professional not to attend school
- ♦ **Children who have returned home after travelling abroad and must self-isolate for a period of 14 days. This is very clearly stated and we would respectfully ask that any family who has been abroad self isolate in accordance with the guidelines in place. We all have a duty to protect each other. I have 240 + children in the school, their families, 19 staff and their families to consider. I need 100% support from you all, especially in this regard. Email me on drumprincipal@gmail.com with your dates of return and we will record it on the system.**
- ♦ Children who are generally unwell

**Schools Reopening**

As our schools reopen this week, we are very conscious of the continued threat of the Covid-19 virus and the anxiety of parents, teachers and pupils. We hope and pray that all will be safe but we cannot underestimate the possibility of someone contracting the virus. All families have been informed of the safety measures and policies re: our schools. Its important that we remain vigilant, but calm as we work our way through this virus. In the event of an outbreak, please avoid the 'blame game', but encourage and support staff, pupils and parents.

**First Friday**

The sick and housebound will be attended this week at the usual time. If you are housebound, but would like to be attended please contact Fr. Ber 0868213422

**Mass Time Changes**

Due to the transfer of Fr. Joe, it now necessary to adjust Mass times to meet the changing situation. Because of the age profile of priests, lack of vocations, and the falling number of attendances, we have been asked by Bishop Francis to cut back on Masses at the weekends. However, as I am in good health and because of the restricted numbers that can attend our Mass gatherings due to Covid-19, I will continue to offer the three weekend Masses for the present. However, this will require some small changes. As and from next Sunday (6th September) Sunday Mass in Ballinamuck will be at 9.30. This change also enables the possibility of cover from Newtownforbes in the event of sickness. Monday evening Mass in Ballinamuck will be discontinued, but the Friday evening Mass remains. These are difficult times for all and I thank you for your support and understanding.

