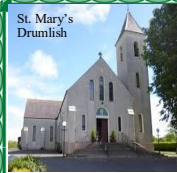
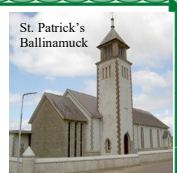


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"All kids need is a little help, a little hope and somebody who believes in them."

– Magic Johnson

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time Cycle B—7th February 2021

Mass Times & Intentions

Anniversary Masses which have been booked will be streamed on the Parish Webcam or alternatively may be cancelled or booked for a later date. Because there is no public celebration of Mass, the Sunday Mass may be booked again for streaming until further notice.

Note: Masses will be streamed on the Parish Webcam as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday at 10 a.m. The Church will not be open to the public during those times. Thank you.

The following anniversaries will be streamed at 10 am

Sun: Packie Bohan, Killavehy
Martha Gunshinan, Drumlish Hill
Mon: Jim Sorohan, MM, Mary St.
Tue: Patrick/Mary Jane Duffy & Dfm
Wed: Misa Pro Populo
Fri: Fergal Mulleady



Offertory €630; Dues €60; Shrine €72. Thank you for your continued support in these times.

Special Celebrations this Week

- † Monday is International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking. Each year, around 2.5 million people are victims of trafficking. It has become one of the most lucrative illegal activities in the world today.
- † This Sunday, February 7th is the feast of St. Mel, Patron Saint of our Diocese.
- † Thursday is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and is World Day of prayer for the sick. The Covid-19 has made us all more aware of the fragile grip we have on health and life. We pray today for all who are sick from Covid-19 and all other ill health issues.
- † Next Sunday is a Day of Prayer for Temperance, which is always the Sunday before Ash Wednesday the beginning of Lent. Temperance relates to all addictions—drink, drugs, gambling etc. and all the issues that springs from their abuse.

Level 5 Covid-19 Government Regulations

- ♦ **Sacraments and devotions:** All other ceremonies cease for the duration of Level Five including Baptism and the Sacrament of Penance. Novenas and other devotional practices may take place on line only, with no congregation present.
- ♦ **Funerals:** With effect from 24th December up to 10 mourners may attend at a funeral service.
- ♦ **Weddings:** With effect from Sunday 3rd January 2021 the number of guests permitted to attend is reduced to 6.
- ♦ **Anointing of the Sick and First Friday Calls:** Anointing of the sick may take place when invited by the family and taking all the necessary precautions of hand sanitising, social distancing, face covering and anointing with a cotton bud. First Friday calls not to take place under Level 5.
- ♦ Level 5 details are at: www.gov.ie
Francis Duffy, Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois

Galilee Spirituality Centre (Online)

Online Lent Retreat with Ms Dympna Mallon
Part 1: Recorded material available February 15th on <https://www.galilee.ie/online-programmes/>.
Part 2: Gathering on Zoom, February 20th, 10.30am-1.00pm. We will reflect on the importance of our wholeness as human beings in our search for holiness Caring for our Common Home: Continuing our series with presenter Ms Jane Mellett, Officer, Trócaire.
3. Connection: The Big Picture of the Web of Life. February 16th
4. Action: Getting down to Working for our Future February 23rd
February 16th, 23rd, 7.30 – 8.30pm via Zoom.
Booking info@galilee.ie Co-hosted by the Galilee Spirituality Centre, Pastoral & Faith Development Services (Diocese of Elphin) and Trócaire.
For the remainder of our spring and Lent programme, and news of Sr Joan Chittister's (online) visit to Galilee in May, please visit www.galilee.ie.

Job's Depression!



Hope in Time of Darkness—a Reflection

The first reading is tough to hear and we admire Job. We talk of 'the patience of Job'. Job is the example and the hero of depression. He just had it bad. All had gone wrong and he felt no good, no hope, no meaning His family collapsed, his wealth disappeared and he cursed the day he was born. He went through all of the depressions people have, but somehow kept that glimmer of light alive. He never totally lost God, and God never lost him. Depression is a huge illness. Many suffer; many are affected. Treatment can be of help, and the listening times of friends as well as therapy is healing. There are many helps on the human level. There is the help also of faith and prayer at times. And the help of someone who, listens, sympathises, doesn't judge nor give easy cures. Love from God never ends even though it may not appear near just now. This is the Jesus of the gospel – bringing the grace of healing, of freeing from any evil, of constant love.

[Donal Neary SJ, Gospel Reflections]

Drumlish Tidy Towns & Development

- ♦ **Drumlish Tidy Towns** – This year again, we are appealing to business owners and residential owners with footpath frontage to do their own power-washing—it makes an enormous difference. We thank you all for the great work that was done last year - the external painting and decorating etc
- ♦ **New Footpath to Drumlish Cemetery:** Drumlish Ballinamuck Area Development clg are raising funds to support project development in the community. The project is being majority funded by DRCO and CLAR as well as a contribution by Longford Co Co and the community is requested to make a contribution. The goal is €5,000 which must be raised immediately -the Go Fund Me link is: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/drumlish-ballinamuck-clg-community-fundraiser/donate>. Donations can be given to Breda Murphy and Amanda O'Hara-McDowell DBAD Committee and receipts will be issued. Your support would be gratefully appreciated.

Hope

You have to believe, that all will be right
In the longest of days and the coldest of nights
You may feel scared, tired and alone
But there's always someone to carry you home
Someone who knows the pain that you feel
The raw and relentless, cruel and real
It comes like a cloud covering the sky
There are no answers, just why? why? why?
But we are strong together, and a day will come
When the clouds part and welcome the sun
So take hold of that sunbeam, don't let it leave
Clasp it tightly, but let yourself grieve
Then slowly but surely release your grasp
Let the light enter and swallow the past
And then for a second, your heart will feel light
And strength will replace it, to continue the fight
Just like the sunbeam, you cannot hide
But weather the storm with hope on your side
Kate Hanford