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Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant

Robert Louis Stevenson



6th Sunday of Easter — 14th May 2023

Mass Intentions

Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Nellie McQuaide, Gaigue
Sun 11.00: Manning Gaels/St. Vincents/St Helens
Sat 8.00: Pat McGee
Brian/Maureen/Pat Collum
Sun 11.00: Annie Sheridan, Main St
Kathleen Toole
Patricia Cooney, Month's Memory

Ballinamuck

Sun 9.30: John Fitzpatrick & Fitzpatrick/Gibson D
Brid Calcagno
Fri 7.00: John Heslin

Note: Mass streamed Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10 a.m. Friday & Saturday 8 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m.

Ministries for Next Week

Drumlish

Word of God Sat: Kathleen Kelleher & Conf Class
Sun: Margaret Prunty & Conf Class

Communion Sat: Bernadette Noonan
Sun: Mary Gillooley

Ballinamuck

Word of God Sun Mary McKenna & Conf Class
Communion Sun David Collum



Offertory €1350, Dues €50. You can also support using electronic transfer if it is more convenient. Bank details are :

Account Name: Drumlish Church
BIC: AIBKIE2D;
IBAN: IE 15 AIBK 9321 4006 6850 07

Please write your name on your docket when making a transfer because Box numbers change from year to year. Thank you for your support.

Copies of the [Irish Catholic](http://www.irishcatholic.com) are available weekly inside front door St. Mary's Church, Drumlish.



- **Roscommon Solstice Choir** are performing a Concert at St Mary's here on Sunday evening 21st May 7pm. Mel & Helena of Foot Tappers are in the line up as well. Your support for this fundraiser will go to Drumlish Town and area enhancements. If you cannot attend your ticket will go into a draw for a prize. Tickets are on sale locally from local shops, Tidy Town's and Choir members.
- **Drumlish Tidy Town's** - would ask that anyone who can to enhance their space and remove/ report litter. Dog fouling continues to be the more toxic and dirtiest form of litter. Report to the Litter Warden by calling 1800 434 450 or emailing: litter@longfordcoco.ie

First Holy Communion Drumlish N.S



Congratulations to the children from Drumlish N.S. who made their First Communion today (Sat.). Thanks to their parents, teachers and musicians who helped make their day special. The following made their First Communion:

Kathleen Boylan	Rhea Bracken
Joshua Campbell	Adam Curwin
Philip Davis	Tommy Davis
Alex Dillon	Saibh Donohue
Cian Geoghegan	Kaylin Hood
Emily Kane	Jessica McCaffrey
Seán McDermott	Khloe Moran
Dean Mulleady	Eva Neary
Chelsea Small	Aoife Smith
Sienna Smith	Emily Weafer
Patrick De Sa Resende	Gisele Nascimento Nunes

Baptism

Evie May Cook d/o Paul & Stephanie, 5 Sliabh Cairbre was baptised and welcomed into our faith community last Sunday. Congratulations to all concerned.

A Change re: Mass Streaming

Please note that Mass from the Parish church will now be streamed by Church Services TV. On the homepage of Church Services you can now access the Readings of the Day, Sunday Readings, Saint of the Day and Thought for the Day. To access the Parish Newsletter login to the Parish Website and click on Newsletter. To view Mass streaming login to www.churchservices.tv/drumlish. Please inform people you know who tune into our stream of this change and where possible help if necessary.

Some thoughts on today's scripture

Jesus is aware that the imminent loss of his physical presence will be a big blow for his disciples. He reassures them "I will not leave you orphaned". The loss of his physical presence will be made up to them by the sending of the Holy Spirit, who will be with them permanently.

In our changing and increasingly secularised society, one can easily feel a sense of loss and abandonment, but the Holy Spirit continues to guide and inspire us into new and creative forms of communicating the Good News in ways that are relevant to today's world.

I do not need to rely on my own resources but turn to God who promises to help me, ready to send the Holy Spirit. To be open to the spirit, I must quieten first my body, then my heart. In this time of quiet God teaches me to see my world differently; I don't act in it alone but am accompanied by God's ever-present Spirit.

[Extract: *Sacred Space is a ministry of the Irish Jesuits*]

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Ardagh & Clonmacnois

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 2nd to 7th June 2023 i.e. Five nights from Knock. €879 per person. For bookings contact Joe Walsh Tours at 01-2410800 or email info@joewalshstours.ie. Assisted Section apply to Margaret McDonald Tel. 086 3918577.

Abortion: Changing the Narrative – a Statement of the Catholic Bishops

Five years on from the May 2018 referendum which removed the constitutional guarantee of the equal right to life of unborn children and their mothers, the Bishops of Ireland have issued a statement which also takes into account the recent review by Government of the abortion legislation introduced following the referendum. At that time the bishops said, "a new situation now exists in Ireland. It is essential for us as a Church, which cares passionately about the gift of life, and wants to support both mothers and their unborn children, to seek better ways of responding to this new and very challenging reality". Today, bishops reaffirm the deep conviction of our faith, namely, that the dignity of every human life, from conception to natural death, is a value for the whole of society, rooted in reason as well as in faith. No matter what legislation is passed, the fundamental right to life for all human beings at every stage of development still prevails. The bishops remain convinced that the relevant law, the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018 will, in due course, be repealed. In the meantime, the Church will continue to seek loving and supportive protection for every mother and for every child in the womb, including babies diagnosed with a disability or a life-limiting condition. The bishops will continue to do their best to change the narrative through dialogue and by testifying, in season and out of season, to the Gospel of Life. How can People of Faith help? Read the full statement (which is available in the church and also on www.catholicbishops.ie).

God our Creator,
we give thanks to you,
who alone have the power to impart the breath of life as you form each of us in our mother's womb;
grant, we pray,
that we, whom you have made stewards of creation, may remain faithful to this sacred trust and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.