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Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.

— Aristotle



Second Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B — 14th January 2024

**Mass Intentions**

**Drumlish**

Sat 8.00: Anthony Davis  
Wed 10.00: Dan Joe/Brigid Nerney & Nerney/Kiernan Dfm  
Sat 8.00: Rose/Bridgie/Willie Forde  
Sun 11.00: Michael Quinn, MM, late of Kilnashee

**Ballinamuck**

Sun 9.30: Misa Pro Populo  
Fri 7.00: Tom Davis, Drumbad

*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 Cl  
Sun Marie McKeon & Conf Cl  
Communion Sat Declan Mimmagh  
Sun Sr. Kathleen Duffy

**Ballinamuck**

Word of God Sun Mary McKenna & Conf Cl.  
Communion Sun Martha Duffy



Offertory €2180, Dues €85, Shrine €570. You can also support using electronic transfer if it is more convenient. Bank details are :

**Account Name: Drumlish Church**  
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Meals on Wheels thank all who contributed €751.06 to the recent church gate collection.

**New Rota for Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion is now available on the Parish Web page at www.drumlishparish.ie. Under Liturgy & Sacraments go to side menu and tap Readers & Eucharistic Ministers Rota.**



- **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** is held from 18th to 25th January. The theme is based on Luke 10:27 *“You shall love the Lord your God....and your neighbour as yourself.”*
- **St. Ignatian Spiritual Exercises for Men**, led by Fr. Stephen Kennedy Friday 2nd to 5th February in De La Salle Retreat Centre, Castletown, Laois. Cost €200 which includes all means and en-suite single rooms. Call Sr. Constance 089 2152307.
- **Calling Pioneers and Friends** to the 25th Pioneer National Ball on Saturday 6th April beginning with Mass at 6 pm. in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar, followed by guest speaker, dinner and dancing at the Annebrook House Hotel. For details contact 0857201646 or 0876544626.

**Baptism**

Damian Pompa s/o Milan & Denisa, Longford was baptised and welcomed into our faith community last Sunday. We wish them every blessing.

**Come And See**  
by mike bullock

Come and see Me when you're able  
Call by for a little chat  
There is so much I must tell you  
I'm concerned at where you're at  
You have drifted from My purpose  
Heading for a nasty fall  
I can guide you back to safety  
If on Me you kindly call.

Though My children number millions  
I'm available for you  
I have knowledge of your heartbeat  
Know your rhythms through and through  
I created you especially  
For a purpose others lack  
Call on me this very instant  
Come right now, I want you back.

**Sacraments in Crisis**

Once a baby is born most parents think about booking a date for the baptism. Irrespective of their normal faith practice, most families want their baby christened. Similarly, parents will insist that their child receives Holy Communion. Even when parents have chosen to send their child to a non-Catholic school, they will do all in their power to ensure that first Communion is still possible. Likewise with confirmation: most children in Catholic primary schools are put forward for this sacrament even though many of them haven't been inside the doors of church since their first communion. Generally, the children themselves are believing if they have been taught well in school. When this is backed up in the home, these sacraments are genuine celebrations of Christian faith and life. But the common experience on the ground is that even the best schools cannot make up for the lack of faith and practice in the family. This socio-cultural pattern, common to many parishes, is a major cause for concern. The sacraments of initiation are being reduced to secular rites of passage. The temptation to despondency is obvious: priests and teachers are discouraged when they see the wonderful display at the Saturday first Communion followed on the Sunday be a mere handful of those same children at Mass

Without being alarmist, we can talk of crisis in relation to the sacraments. The challenge is to turn the crisis into an opportunity. The inappropriateness of putting a child forward for a sacrament that will be an isolated event with no religious follow up is made clear. That is a disservice to the child and can be most confusing. It is neither feasible nor appropriate that preparation for the sacraments can be done by he priest alone. It is not feasible because of the lack of priests but, in any case, it is not appropriate given that the baptized share in the priesthood of Christ. These parents can make a radical difference to the way parishes function and in this way the sacraments can become life-giving rather than just cultural rites of passage.

[Extract from Intercom re Dr Noel O'Sullivan's publication *Sacraments in a Synodal Church* published by Veritas]

**John 1:35-39**

Y Y D R A E H X X P D F T O B S I  
D J P M Z E Q K S E L Y G B E E I  
C C S A N L B A U S U P O C H L G  
A R F S I N Y J S P M A P L O P S  
B C Y T A Z N E I Y W A S L I N  
R X D E G W Z A J X L J X J D C V  
R A D R A O M B K E V P Q O V S D  
T U O Y Q F X O A T B Z G R T I K  
S F O V Q J H D E L M X V W H D Q  
E X T H M E N E P B A V O T Q D G  
L S S H A P E G S N L R N H C X Z  
L Q D E W O L L O F A E S W L C I  
E I M G B W T C Z B T Z A E H L X  
W X M D W B O L B R X C P M T I H  
D F F L C G C I W B Z J D U I Y G  
X A V W A L K E D Q C P G S A B J  
I N T E R P R E T E D A H G S Y V

Abode	Again	Behold	Disciples
Dwellest	Followed	Heard	Hour
Interpreted	Jesus	Lamb	Master
Rabbi	Saith	Saw	Speak
Stood	Tenth	Two	Walked

**Catholic Schools Week 2024 – Communities of Service**



Catholic Schools will take place from Sunday 21 to Saturday 27 January 2024 on the theme of Catholic Schools as Communities of Service.

Christian service puts faith into action. In Catholic schools, as we study and look to Jesus Christ as our role model and Teacher, we come to a greater understanding of the depth of Christian service. Jesus served every person regardless of creed, background, faith, social status or age. He put faith into action by showing all those around him how our Heavenly Father is compassionate, courageous and forgiving. Jesus didn't just talk about His faith; He lived it. We are called by faith to go into the world to share the love of God with all those we meet. Each person, at every age, is called to become Christ for another by serving every person with a humble heart and with a generous spirit.