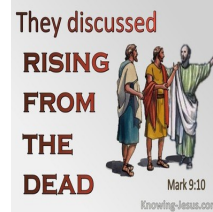


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“It is my experience that once you return to the Joy Giver, joy isn't far behind.”
— Wendy Speake

Second Sunday of Lent Year B — 25th February 2024

Mass Intentions

Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Micheál Diffley
Sun 11.00: Nancy Cooney
Michael Kane
Fri 8.00: Tommy Hagan
Sat 8/00: Breda McNally & Dfm
Michael Sweeney

Ballinamuck

Sun 9.30: Misa Pro Populo
Fri 7.00: Joe/Mollie/J.P. Corrigan & Corrigan/Sheeran Dfm
Sun 9.30: Larry/Mary McDonnell & Pat Larkin

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 Aaron Smith & Conf Cl
Sun Kathleen Dunleavy & Conf Cl
Communion Sat Romie Wallace
Sun Pat Corrigan

Ballinamuck

Word of God Sun Kay Culliney & Conf Cl.
Communion Sun Olive Donnelly



Offertory €1120, Dues €585, Lourdes Invalid F €20, Shrines €665. 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** are available weekly inside the front door of St. Mary's Church Drumlish.



- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Book Club in Drumlish library.** Would you like to be part of a Book club that meets once a month to chat about a book over tea and biscuits? Depending on interest it will be on Friday morning or afternoon or Sat morning. Let me know your preference and majority number will decide. Phone Mary on 043 3324760 or mkiernan@longfordcoco.ie
- ♦ **St Patricks NS Ballinamuck** is now accepting enrolments for 2024/2025 Enrolment form is available on Ballinamuck NS website or by contacting the school 0433324063.
- ♦ **Ballinamuck Social Dancing & Community Gathering** next evening is on Sunday, February 25th @ 5pm. Contact Aisling 086 3663901.
- ♦ **The Longford Alzheimer Cafe** will return on Wednesday 28th February in their office on Earl Street, Longford, opposite Mollaghan's Furniture Store, at 7.00pm. Guest speaker is Mary Mc Keon, Dietitian. Contact Eileen on 085 8724475. The Alzheimer Society National Helpline is open Monday to Friday 10am–5pm and Saturday 10am–4pm on 1800 341 341.
- ♦ **Ballinamuck St. Patrick's Day Committee** hold a church gate collection next weekend. Support please
- ♦ **First Friday calls** will take place as usual on Thursday and Friday.
- ♦ **Ballinamuck ICA** present a night with Simply Style with Fi, a style & image consultant on Monday 4th March @ 7.30 pm in the 98 Hall Ballinamuck. €5 charge—refreshments served. All welcome.



The Trócaire Lenten Appeal this year aims to highlight the challenges faced by families in Malawi due to the effects of climate change in Southern Africa. Don't forget Malita and her family this Lent.

Drumlish & Ballinamuck Parish Financial Statement for year ending 31/12/2023
Opening Balance 01/01/2023: €366,375.68

| Income from 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023 | | Expenses from 1/1/2023 to 31/12/2023 | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Offertory Collections | €77,331.00 | Electricity | € 5,585.52 |
| Offertory Insurance (Covid-19) | €12,104.60 | Oil/Heating | € 3,454.46 |
| Heating Collection | € 1,585.00 | Insurances | €10,506.99 |
| Shrine (Including Irish Catholic) | € 9,293.00 | Rates/Water Charges | € 102.36 |
| Donation | € 400.00 | Altar Supplies | € 5,440.67 |
| Dues Collections | €23,932.00 | Repairs & Maintenance | €16,405.83 |
| Tax Reclaim (Including VAT) | €21,842.10 | Bank Charges | € 984.66 |
| Cemetery Loan Refund | € 5,000.00 | Phone, Postage & Stationery | € 1,506.87 |
| Insurance Claim | € 6,544.05 | Levies to Diocese | € 8,616.00 |
| Outside Collections Total | € 9,466.00 | Retired Priest's Fund | € 3,446.00 |
| [Holy Land | € 498.00 | Outside Collections | € 9,378.00 |
| Lenten Alms | € 979.00 | Dues Collection* | €32,392.20 |
| Peter's Pence | € 642.00 | Newsletters | € 405.12 |
| Mission Sunday | € 1,147.00 | Revenue Commissioners | € 258.00 |
| Trócaire | €5,473.00 | Sundry Expenses** | €10,944.61 |
| Lourdes Invalid Fund | € 727.00] | Offertory Envelopes | € 1,352.14 |
| | | Publications—Books, Magazines | € 1,403.36 |
| | | Refuse Charge | € 300.00 |
| Income Total..... | €167,497.75 | Expenses Total..... | €113,025.99 |

Balance ending 31/12/2023: €420,847.44

Notes of Explanation

- This statement for the Drumlish/Ballinamuck Parish Accounts reflects the day to day running of the Parish. [Insurances, Maintenance, Heating & Lighting, and Levies to the Diocese etc.].
- Income v Expenses for the past year left us with a running surplus of €54,471.76
- The Parish has also a fixed term deposit in Permanent TSB of €23,647.39 and when combined with income v expenses leaves the Parish with total assets of €444,494.83
- **Sundry expenses include upgrading of security €1,447.13, Solar System €6,288, Landscaping €1,500.
- I ask all families and individuals who use the services of the clergy and/or parish facilities, but for some reason have overlooked the support of the parish and its priests to reflect on this in 2024. Young families also have duty of care for their parish and their priests.
- Last year I asked that the minimum contribution to the offertory collection should be no less than €5. Sincere thanks to all who responded and increased their contributions and who recognise the escalating costs of running the parish, coupled with the decreasing buying power of the Euro.
- *The Six Dues Collections for the upkeep of the priests for 2023 totalled €32,392.20. This figure reflects the fact that those who paid directly through the Bank during the three year Covid-19 period was not reflected in previous statements. Alternative dues envelopes are provided at the back of the churches for those who don't use the normal envelope system, but still wish to support our priests.
- Note: Church Gate collections are not the Parish responsibility. They are independent of the Parish but should have a Garda Permit. All Church Gate collections are accountable to their own organisations and regulations. We ask again that such collections should be taken up at a reasonable distance from the Church gate entrance—preferably on the opposite side of the Church gate entrance.
- On behalf of the Parish Finance Committee, I thank all who continue to generously support our parish and clergy. Thanks also to all the various voluntary individuals and groups who give of their time, energy and support enabling our parish to function effectively at a time when our numbers are decreasing and fewer people are called upon to share the burden.
- Thanks to our many volunteers—collectors, counters, envelope distributors etc. and most of all to you for your generous support.
- Finance Committee: Nuala McLoughlin, Sean Lennon, Helena Crowe, Adrian Lennon, and Fr. Ber Hogan