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The Presentation of the Lord Year C —2nd February 2025



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"It is a virtue and a prize to listen patiently to and put up with insults for the sake of God."

Reflection



— Brigid of Kildare

# Mass Intentions

## Drumlish

- Sun 11.00: Terence Reynolds, MM, late Cloncowly Martha/Patrick/Michael Reynolds
- Mon 10.00: Feast of St. Blaise
- Fri 8.00: Martha/Tom Gunshinan
- Rose/Bridgie/Willie Forde Sat 8.00: Fergal Mulleady
- Margaret/John Devaney Sun 11.00: Pauric/Pat/Jane Quinn &
- Gerry/Kathleen Murphy

#### Ballinamuck

- Sun 9.30: Packie Bohan
- Fri 7.00: Martin Collum
- Sun 9.30: Mairead Lynch

Michael Brady, MM, Aughadowry

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

### **Ministries for Next Sunday**

# Drumlish

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Copies of the Irish Catholic are available weekly inside the front door of St. Mary's Church Drumlish.



- First Friday calls will take place as usual on Thursday and Friday.
- United Hearts all night reparation vigil is on Friday 7/8th February in Our Lady's chapel Edgeworthstown. Confessions on Friday at 9 p.m. followed by Mass.
- International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human trafficking is celebrated on Saturday.

Feasts this Week

*Monday is the feast of St. Blaise*, patron of those who suffer from diseases of the throat. *Friday is the feast of St. Mel*, the patron saint of our diocese

### World Day for Consecrated Life

Today is a special day pray for priests and religious who have been called and consecrated in the life of the Church. It is also an occasion to pray for new vocations so that others may be nourished with the Word of God and with the Eucharist. Without priests there will be no Eucharist. It is the duty of every baptised person to discern and to encourage people who you think would be willing to go forward for priesthood or religious life. All who profess the name 'Christian' need to be more pro-active in the life of our Christian community. Passivity is the enemy of our Baptismal calling and will inevitably result in the closure of our churches. We sow the seeds when we speak positively and lovingly about our faith and about our church. Start today!



# Deaths

Pray for the soul of James Conor, Gaigue whose funeral took place this week and also for Mary Lynch, late Crowdrumman who died in New York this week. Mass for her in Drumlish at a later date. May they rest in peace. We offer our prayers and sympathy to both families at this time of sadness.

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Simeon didn't seem to tire of his prayer life. Sometimes we feel in prayer as if we've said it all to God - our problems, sins, failings seem the same today as last year. We may feel God is tired of it all. tired of us. But Simeon didn't tire of praising and thanking. Maybe that's part of the prayer of old age and perhaps there are times when that is all God wants of us. A lot of prayer is letting the past go, whether it is only yesterday, a generation ago or almost a lifetime ago. The older years can bring us into the wider expanse of God's love and care over the years. Like Simeon we praise God's glory, like Anna we just look at Jesus and praise God. Maybe we can do that in prayer today, no matter what our age. The Holy Spirit 'rested on' Simeon. Is my heart at peace and open, or am I so full of problems and requests that I have no resting space for the Spirit? [Extract: Irish Jesuits Sacred Space]

## Prayer to St. Brigid

You were a woman of peace.

- You brought harmony where there was conflict.
- You brought light to the darkness.
- You brought hope to the downcast.

May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious,

- and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.
- Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.
- Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.
- Strengthen what is weak within us.
- Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens. May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen

"In times of darkness tend your fire: it will give light until the morning" St. Brigid