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"There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest."
- Elie Wiesel



Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul Year C — 29th June 2025

Mass Intentions

Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Michael/Kathleen Sweeney
Sun 11.00: Jason Donohue

Ballinamuck

Fri 7.00: Bridgie Collum, Lettergullion
Katelyn McKenna, Fardromin
Sun 9.30: Jane Gorman, MM, Fardromin

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

Ministries for Next Weekend

Drumlish

Word of God Sat Aaron Smith
Sun Dympna Davis
Communion Sat Declan Minnagh
Sun Bibi Revtakova

Ballinamuck

Word of God Sun Kay Culliney
Communion Sun Bridie Reilly



Offertory €1421, Dues €400, Shrine €205. You can also support using electronic transfer if it is more convenient. Bank details are:

Account Name: Drumlish Church
BIC: AIBKIE2D;
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Please write your name on your docket when making a transfer because Box numbers change from year to year. Thank you for your support.

Thanks for your support for Paddy & Mary Gillooley's Garden Open Day. Money raised was €4650.50 which goes to Longford Hospice Home care.

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

Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

- ♦ **Tidy Towns** work is ongoing and we appeal to residents and businesses to make sure their share of footpath frontage is weed, litter and cigarette butt free. Dog walkers must clean up after their pets.
- ♦ **2025 Swimming and Lifesaving Lessons at Keeldra Lake** will commence on 30th June for 2 weeks. All registration is online this year. Please register here:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/86319898013>
- ♦ **Ballinamuck Social Dancing** in 98 Hall this Sunday 29th from 5—7 p.m. Music by Pat Mulchrone. Contact Aisling 086 3663901. Come along to dancing and socialising—no pressure to dance if you don't wish to.
- ♦ **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock** takes place on Sunday 7th September with anointing at 2.30 p.m. followed by Mass at 3 p.m.

Cemetery Sunday Arrangements

The blessing of graves will take place next Sunday, 6th July as follows:

- ♦ Ballinamuck after 9.30 Mass
- ♦ Drumlish after 11 a.m. Mass
- ♦ Kilmahon 12.30 p.m. approx.



As in recent years I ask families to bring their own Holy Water or can have water blessed on the day in the cemetery. At a fixed point during the prayers, families will be invited to sprinkle their own family plots. The priest will not be blessing individual graves but will lead the prayers in the cemetery. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Maintenance of cemeteries is an ongoing challenge, so please support the collections which will be taken up at each cemetery. Also those who have loved ones interred in the cemeteries are asked to bring home any rubbish, dead flowers, broken wreathes and **please** do not pile them up inside the gate or in any other part of the cemetery. Thank you.

St. Peter and St. Paul

Today we celebrate the feast of Saints Peter and Paul. While very different in personality and background, they are united in their faith and service to God. Their feast day, June 29th, is a time for reflection on their individual journeys and the lessons they offer for Christian life. Peter, known for his impulsiveness and leadership, and Paul, a former persecutor of Christians turned zealous missionary, both demonstrate the transformative power of faith and the importance of unity in diversity within the Church.

Prayer to St. Peter and St. Paul

Grant, we pray, O Lord our God, that we may be sustained by the intercession of the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, that as through them you gave your Church the foundations of her heavenly office, so through them you may help her to eternal salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen



Some thoughts on this scripture

We live in times of turmoil in the Church, of a deep-seated mistrust in all leaders, including those in the Church. I listen to Jesus giving Peter the mission of being the rock upon which he chose to build his Church. Jesus, who here acknowledges he is the Christ, the promised one, made this choice of building his Church on Peter, when he could well have chosen a different way. I pray to be given the faith that was given to Peter, of professing Jesus as the Son of the living God.

Yet, immediately after, the Gospel shows us Jesus using the strongest words to reproach Peter for his reaction to the foretelling of Jesus' suffering. The Gospel does not hide the great limitations of Peter and his companions, on the contrary, it shows how difficult they found it to understand the message of Jesus and follow it. I pray for Pope Leo, for my bishop and for all Church leaders that they may, in their poverty and limitations, lead us towards faith in Jesus. [Extract: Irish Jesuits Sacred Space]

Matthew 16:13-18

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Prophets	Baptist	October	Prevail
Church	Heaven	Blood	Build
Elias	Jesus	Years	John
Rock	God		

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