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# Drumlish & Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter



*A baby is God's  
opinion that the world  
should go on.*

11th Sunday of Ordinary Time ☉ 16th June 2013

## Mass Intentions—St. Mary's

Sun 11.00: Cemetery Sunday  
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo  
Fri 8.00: Theresa/Joseph Gill &  
Theresa McGowan, Corrick  
Sat 8.00: Petie McWade  
Sun 11.00: Charles Kiernan, Longford Rd

## Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's

Sun 10.00: Marilyn McDermott  
Sun 10.00: James P Lennon, Fardromin

## Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: John Egan  
Sun: Billy Kelleher  
Eucharist Sat: Bernadette Noonan  
Sun: Ann Davis

## Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Cathal Howe  
Eucharist Sun: Laura Whelan

## Money Matters

Drumlish: €960; Ballinamuck: €412; Shrine €40.

## Longford Cycle Tour

The Longford Cycle Tour will take place this Sunday 16th June, 2013 at 10.30 am at the Mall Complex, Longford with 15km, 50km and 100km routes. For further information go to [www.longfordsports.ie](http://www.longfordsports.ie) or call 043 3343450.

## Death

Pray for the repose of the soul of Lily Coutts nee O'Brien, late of Currabawn who died in London. May she rest in peace.

## Blessing of Graves

The Blessing of Graves will take place this Sunday, 16th June. Graves will be blessed after 10 o'clock Mass Ballinamuck Old Cemetery and New Cemetery; after 11 o'clock Mass Drumlish Old Cemetery, New Cemetery and Kilmahon Cemetery. A collection will be taken up at the cemetery gates ☉ please support.

## Drumlish New Cemetery Update

Due to the hard work and endeavour of the Drumlish Cemetery Committee a lot of progress has been made. Burial ground in the Drumlish Cemeteries is almost exhausted. People in the Drumlish area of the parish are asked to support and encourage the present committee who are giving of their time and energy freely. To date progress is as follows:

- Site has been purchased
- Planning Permission has been granted
- Fundraising is in progress
- Plots will be for sale later in the year.

If you are interested in buying a plot or helping out in any way, please contact a member of the committee: Seamus Furey (086 87388947), Seamus Mimmagh (086 8622298), Brendan Daly (086 3662739). Please support the Graveyard collection this Sunday.

## Monaduff Social Club

A Committee meeting will be held on Monday 17th June at 8 p.m. The next get together will take place on Saturday, 22nd June from 3 to 5 pm. Balance of payment will be collected for the 4 day trip to Killarney on 23rd September.

## Baptisms

James Francis Courtney s/o James & Allison, Drumlish Hill and Nathan Dermot McKeever s/o Desmond & Emma, Loughan Hill were recently baptised and welcomed into our faith family.

## Whizzkids Childcare

- ☉ **Whizzkids Childcare Enrolment** for September 2013 for children starting in September 2013 will take place on Thursday 27th June 2013 from 10.00am - 12.00pm. Information on Free Preschool year, CCS Scheme, CETS Scheme are available. Limited number of places available Contact Alice Connell Manager on 043 3329559 for more information.
- ☉ **Childcare Assistants** are required for Whizzkids Drumlish Community Childcare LTD (FAS criteria applies) 19.5 hrs per week, Garda Vetting required. If you feel you are eligible and would like to work in childcare please contact Alice Connell on 043 3329559/086 3451057 or Thomas Gill on 086 8487548

## Ballinamuck//Drumlish Summer Camp

County Longford Youth Service (CLYS) will be holding its Summer Camp for the Ballinamuck/Drumlish area in the 98 Memorial Hall, Ballinamuck from 15th to 19th July (inc). The camp will start at 10:00 and finish at 1:00 each day. There will be sports, fun and games for all young people aged 10+. It will cost €15 per young person per week. To book a place or for more info please phone County Longford Youth Service on 043-3340907

## Bishop's Statement on Abortion Legislation [Extract]

- **A time to reflect**  
We are at a defining moment for our country. The Gospel of life is at the heart of the message of Jesus. He came that we may have life and have it to the full (Jn 10:10). The Gospel challenges us to work for a world in which the dignity and beauty of every human life are respected.
- **A time to uphold the right to life**  
The right to life is the most fundamental of all

rights; it is the foundation of all other rights. No individual has the right to destroy life and no State has the right to undermine the right to life. Catholic Church teaching is clear: where a seriously ill pregnant woman needs medical treatment which may put the life of her baby at risk, such treatments are ethically permissible provided every effort is made to save both the mother and her baby. This is different from abortion, which is the direct and intentional taking of the innocent life of the unborn. No matter what legislation is passed in any country, abortion is, and always will be, gravely wrong.

- **A time for clarity and truth**  
The Government is under no obligation to legislate for the X case. Legalising the direct and intentional destruction of the life of an unborn baby can never be described as life-saving or pro-life. While good health can normally be restored, life, once taken, can never be restored.
- **A time for freedom of conscience**  
Freedom of conscience is a fundamental human right. A State that truly cherishes freedom will respect the conscience of its citizens, including its public representatives, on such an important human value as the right to life.
- **A time to decide: a time to act; a time to pray**  
We ask our public representatives to uphold the equal and inviolable right to life of all human beings, even if this means standing above other pressures and party loyalties. Some mothers today are facing difficult or crisis pregnancies. Other people who have had, or who have assisted with abortions, may be re-living what happened in the past. They deserve to receive all the love, support and professional care that they need. Every human life is precious, every human life is beautiful, every human life is sacred. Choose life!  
[Full text available at back of the Church]

**Happy Father's Day to all the Dads**