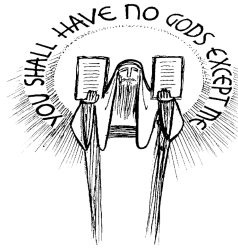


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Drumlish & Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter



*God does not love us
because we are valuable,
we are valuable because
God loves us*

3rd Sunday of Lent (B) 8th March 2015

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Lena Whitney, Esker Nth.
Sun 11.00: James Bohan, Cloonaugh
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo
Wed 9.30: Mallon/Joyce Dfm, Barrabeg/Recess
Fri 8.00: McManus/Campbell/O'Neil Dfm
Sat 8.00: Tommy Hagan, Kilnashee

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Michael McLoughlin, Shanmullagh
Mon 7.30: Lol & Alph Lynch
Fri 7.30: Rosaleen McNally
Sun 10.00: Dan/Mary McLoughlin, Shanmullagh
Note: Confessions & Adoration after Friday Mass

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Siobhan Egan
Sun: First Communion Parents
Communion Sat: Mary Gearty
Sun: Brendan Murray

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Chantel Connell
Communion Sun: Ryan McGee

Money Matters

Drumlish p710, Cathedral Fund p10, Lenten Alms p27
Ballinamuck p231; Cathedral Fund p20 Thank you.

Multicultural Celebration

While we celebrate St. Patrick's Day as our national day, we also recognise other different nationalities who have come to make their home among us. To celebrate this diversity, we will have a multicultural celebration at our 11 a.m. Mass in Drumlish on 22nd March, at which the different nationalities from our community will be actively involved.

Diary of Events for the Week

- ♦ **Mock Wedding 2** is taking place on Friday 10th April and the Chorus line rehearsal is taking place at 7.30 this Monday night in the Community Centre. More voices, men and women needed - all welcome this Monday night at the Community Centre.
- ♦ **Are you assist trained?** If so would you like to become part of a community volunteer group who want to promote positive mental health and suicide prevention? Meeting on 24th March at 7.30 p.m. at the EDI Centre, Longford.
- ♦ **The Ballinamuck ICA Guild** will host a Ladies night this Monday March 9th at 8.30pm sharp in the meeting room in the 98' Hall, Ballinamuck. Guest speakers will give some valuable information on Skin Care, Make Up, Healthy Life Style, Motivation, Relaxation, Healthy Eating and Exercise. Bring a friend. Refreshments served.
- ♦ **Meeting of Parish Pastoral Council** this Monday in Ballinamuck at 9 p.m.
- ♦ **Bingo: 5th Annual Monster Bingo** in aid of St. Vincent's Minor Football Club Sunday March 22nd at 3pm in '98 Memorial Hall Ballinamuck. p2500 in Prizes. Monster Raffle & Easter Eggs on the day.
- ♦ **Sweet Spirit Gospel Choir:** Arus Carolan Patient Comfort Fund, St Manchan's Outreach Special Class and Goal the beneficiaries of the Sweet Spirit Gospel Choir's next performance. Support, Lean on Me. The show will take place in the Hunt Hall, Mohill on Sunday March 22nd at 8pm sharp.
- ♦ **Lent: Fr. Jim continues** with an hour of reflection on St. Mark's Gospel on the Thursdays of Lent at 8.
- ♦ **AED Defibrillator Training** will take place in Drumlish on March 19th at 7.30pm. Those wishing to attend training please confirm by texting your name to Breda on 087 9181787.
- ♦ **Social dancing night out** to Carrigallen on Tuesday night next - bus leaves Drumlish at 8pm. Anyone wishing to travel please text you name to Breda on 087 9181787 to book a place on the bus (there will be no class on Wednesday)

Challenging Media Bias and Groupthink

Recently, 33 articles appeared in the national papers pushing hard for more abortion. In the same period, only one pro-life article was published. Stand against Media Bias, needs your support for their protest at Leinster House, Dublin on Wednesday, 11th March, 7-8 p.m. Email: 33to1event@gmail.com. If you wish to travel on a bus from Longford, ring Christy at 0873626492.

Trocaire Corner—Did you Know?

- ♦ There are 64 different languages spoken in Ethiopia
- ♦ Ethiopia has a population of over 90 million people
- ♦ Coffee originated in Ethiopia.
- ♦ Ethiopia follows the Julian Calendar which has 13 months in it.
- ♦ Sebeya, home of Mahlet, in northern Ethiopia had only three days rainfall last year.
- ♦ Ethiopia has almost five million donkeys, the second highest in the world after China. The locals have a proverb: "**A farmer without a donkey is a donkey himself**". Its their main mode of transport.

Safeguarding Children—Newsletter

A newsletter, containing a message from Bishop Francis Duffy, on the safeguarding of children is available at the back of the Church. Its important that we keep up to date with best practice re: policies and procedures. Please bring home this newsletter as it contains important information on how our Diocese is safeguarding children. You are reminded again that Kathleen Dunleavy is our Parish representative with the task of ensuring that diocesan policies and procedures are implemented.

Drumlish N.S. First Confessions

The children of St. Mary's N.S. make their First Confession this Monday at 7 p.m. Pray for them.

Coffee Morning

A Coffee Morning in aid of Breast Cancer and cancer research will be held on Friday 13th, March in the Village Inn from 10 o'clock onwards. For more information contact Joanne Quinn 086 4476931.

A Lenten Reflection

- Give up complaining—focus on gratitude.*
- Give up pessimism—become an optimist.*
- Give up harsh judgments—think kindly thoughts.*
- Give up worry—trust Divine Providence.*
- Give up discouragement—be full of hope.*
- Give up bitterness—turn to forgiveness.*
- Give up hatred—return good for evil.*
- Give up negativism—be positive.*
- Give up anger—be more patient.*
- Give up pettiness—become mature.*
- Give up gloom—enjoy the beauty that is all around you.*
- Give up jealousy—pray for trust.*
- Give up gossiping—control your tongue.*
- Give up sin—turn to virtue.*
- Give up giving up—hang in there!*

What's in a Word? Passover

The Passover refers to the religious celebration commemorating God's deliverance of the Jews from slavery and bondage in Egypt. A young lamb, born that year, is slain (Ex 12:3-6 and his blood placed on the entrance of each household, preserving it from the angel of death (Ex 12:7, 22). The lamb's flesh is eaten in a manner reflecting someone rushed, about to leave on a journey. The Passover, once focused on all of Israel, is now focused on Israel's greatest descendant, Jesus, God's only Son (Lk 2:41-51). His body is the bread offered in sacrifice (Jn 6). He is the new lamb Who passes from this world of sin into His Father's kingdom (Jn 13:1ff.).