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# Drumlish & Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter



*Its never too soon to be kind, but it can be too late*

First Sunday of Lent Year C—14th February 2016

## Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo  
Wed 10.00: Mary McGee, Cloncowley  
Fri 9.30: Brian McDaid, RIP, late Drumlish Hill  
Sat 8.00: Hugh/Mary Kate Collum

## Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Martin O'Toole  
Michael Rehill  
John Gorman  
Fri 7.00: Francie Gill  
Sun 10.00: Josephine/Michael Kiernan, Bandra

## Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Rosa Collum  
Sun: Helena Crowe  
Communion Sat: Kathleen Gill  
Sun: Ann Davis

## Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Mary McKenna  
Communion Sun: Cora McKenna

## Offertory Collection

Drumlish €1198, Shrine €342; Ballinamuck €415.  
Dues €1992. Sincere thanks to all.

## Lent

**Trocaire Boxes** are available at the back of the Church for collection. The Lenten Trocaire Box is our reaching out to those who hungry, who have no home, who are victims of war and famine. They are our brothers and sisters—images of the suffering Christ. When we touch them we touch Christ.



- **Dromard/Drumlish Community Employment** Scheme Environmental Positions available between now and March 2016-Job Reference No ES-998338. Eligibility to participate on CE is generally linked to those who are 25 years of age or over and in receipt of an Irish social welfare payment for 1 year or more. Contact Teresa McNerney 0861026252 or Thomas Gill 0868487548 for further information.
- **Divine Mercy Conference:** a bus to the RDS Conference (one day only) will leave the Cathedral Car Park at 8am on 20th February. Contact 087 9980615 or 0876378619.
- **Monaduff Social Club** social day will take place on Saturday, 27th February in Monaduff from 3—5 p.m. We look forward to meeting present members and new members are very welcome.
- **ACCORD is currently recruiting Marriage Education Facilitators.** Would you be interested in training to be a Marriage Education Facilitator? Requirement: to convey a positive attitude to marriage and easily relate to people. Would you like the opportunity to work as part of a team? If so, contact the ACCORD Office by email: [accordlongford@eircom.net](mailto:accordlongford@eircom.net), tel. 043 3347222 (Mon. & Tue. only 10 – 2) for further information.
- **Family Carers Ireland** will run the Care Skills module as part of the QQI FETAC Level 5 Full Healthcare Award due to commence on 23/02/2016 in Longford. For further enquiries please contact the training unit on 0579370221.
- **Monster Bingo:** St Vincent's minor football club will hold their 6th Annual monster bingo on Sunday February 28th in the 98 Memorial Hall Ballinamuck at 3pm with €2,500 in prizes and a monster raffle.
- **Adult Educational Guidance Service,** Coffee Morning - Meet the guidance team and explore your educational options. Tuesday 23rd February 2016, 10am-12.30pm. Further Education and Training Centre, Church Street, Longford. For further information: 043 3348177 - email: [claegs@lwetb.ie](mailto:claegs@lwetb.ie) <mailto:claegs@lwetb.ie>

## Parish Mission

We welcome our Parish Mission Team of Fr. Laurence Gallagher, Fr. John Hanna and Ms. Sarah Kenwright. They will lead us on our mission journey this week, starting this evening in St. Mary's Parish Church at 8 p.m. and finishing with a community celebration on Friday next in Drumlish Community Centre. This is a blessed time for our parish and all parishioners are invited to attend a morning Mass and the evening Service. The parish pastoral council have distributed leaflets to every home outlining the programme for the week.

Please note the following:

- ✠ There will be a cup of tea and biscuits served after the 9.30 Mass in the Parochial House and 10.00 Mass in Ballinamuck at the back of the Church.
- ✠ Mass for the two schools will be celebrated on Wednesday at 11 a.m. For Drumlish N.S. Mass will be in the Parish Church. For Ballinamuck Mass will be celebrated in the School.
- ✠ Those who are sick and wish to receive anointing and the sacrament of the sick will gather in the 98 Hall Ballinamuck at 11.30 on Thursday for Mass and anointing. This will be followed by soup and light refreshments. Volunteers are asked to bring those who wish to be anointed to the 98 Hall. Check your neighbours—offer your services please.
- ✠ The mission team will visit the household during the week—times to be announced.
- ✠ The sacrament of reconciliation will take place on Wednesday night at the 8 p.m. service in Drumlish. A number of priests will be present for confessions.
- ✠ On Thursday, after the 8 p.m. service there will be a period of Adoration until 12 midnight. Details will be announced during the Mission.
- ✠ Friday night sees the conclusion of our Mission with a community celebration at 8 p.m. Various groups and organisations representing the life of the parish will bring a symbol and a candle reflecting their input into the parish community. The service will be followed by a community celebration in Drumlish Community Centre. There will be refreshments, music and song to celebrate the end of the mission. All people are invited to attend so as to express the parish sense of family and solidarity.

## Death

Pray for the repose of the soul of Maureen Ward nee Ellis late of Currabawn who died in England. May she rest in peace.

## Baptism

Francis Michael Courtney s/o Francis & Maureen, Drumlish Hill was baptised and welcomed into our faith family on Sunday last.

## Drumlish Cemetery Update

To date total outlay and associated costs to purchase site, develop, insure and manage is €135,000. Grants obtained from Longford Co. Council total €28,000, parish loan €20,000 and bank loan €41,000. Total debt outstanding is €58,000. We wish to thank the community for their generous support of our fundraising to date—Halloween & Christmas events. To clear our debt we appeal to everyone in the community to continue with their support to us.

## Longford Harriers Hunt

Hunt takes place in Drumlish on Sunday 28th February in aid of Drumlish Cemetery Fund. The hunt will be followed by a Monster Auction in the Village Inn supported by a night of music and entertainment. More details to follow.

## Looking for Direction!



"Would you tell me please which way I ought to walk from here?"  
"That depends a good deal on where you want to get to" said the Cat  
"I don't much care where" said Alice  
"Then it does not matter which way you walk" said the Cat.

[Alice in Wonderland]