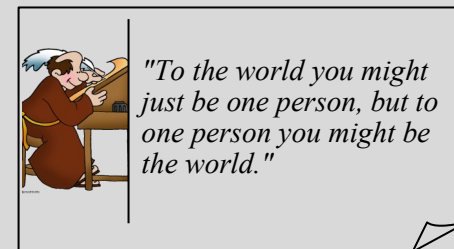


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4th Sunday of Lent Year B — 10th March 2018

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8:00: Pat/Lena Whitney Esker Nth
James Bohan, Cloonaugh Lr.
Connaughton Dfm, Currabawn
Sun 11:00: Mary Carlin nee Grimes, Drumlish Hill
Mon 9:30: Misa Pro Populo
Tue 9:30: Margaret Callaghan, MM, Donegal
Fri 8:00: St. Patrick's Day Vigil Mass
Sat 11:00: Catherine/Bernard/Pat Joe Brady
Mary/Frank/Sr. Agnes Mollaghan & dfm.
8:00: Vigil Mass for Sunday
Sun 11:00: Do This in Memory

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10:00: No Intention
Mon 7:00: Rosaleen McNally, Ballinamuck
Fri 7:00: Frank/Jennie Doris
Sat 10:00: Hugh McVeigh, Fardromin
Sun 10:00: Pat/Brigid/Nellie/John Smith

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Mary Ross & Conf. Class
Sun: First Communion Parents
Communion Sat: Kathleen McNally
Sun: Ann Davis

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: First Communion Parents
Communion Sun: Deirdre Garvy

Money Matters

Drumlish €875, Shrine €137; Ballinamuck €145.
Shrove Dues €405. Many thanks.

Feast of St. Patrick



Next Saturday is the feast of St. Patrick, our national saint. It is an occasion to celebrate our Catholic faith. Masses are as follows: 8 p.m. Friday (Vigil) and 11 am Sat. Drumlish; 10 am Sat. Ballinamuck.

UPCOMING Events

- **Third National Collection WMF** will be taken up at another date.
- **St Vincents Minor Football Club:** Nursery Programme: gives children ages 4 to 6 an opportunity to be introduced to sport in a friendly, fun and safe environment. If you are interested in helping out contact Enda on 086 8290649 or check out our Facebook page for the link to register. St. Vincent's Minor Club hold a Monster Bingo on Sunday 25th March 2018 at 3pm in the '98 Hall.
- **Bingo** continues every Tuesday in the 98 Hall.
- **A Youth Gathering** will take place in the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Longford on Saturday 24th March. Brother Richard Hendrick OFM Cap and Fr Chris O'Donnell will be present.
- **Anam Cara** the organisation that supports bereaved parents will be holding a bereavement Information evening on Wednesday 14th March at 7:30pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath. Call Information Line 085 2888 888.
- **Eddie Stones** will attend St Marys Church, Newtownforbes, Longford on March 24th at 2 p.m.
- **Easter Pilgrimage to Medugorje** with Marian pilgrimages. Dates: 26th March—2nd April €589, or 30th March—6th April €699. All inclusive. Contact Tom 018788159 or Ursula 0877974291



"Jesus said to Nicodemus God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world but so that through Him the world might be saved."



A Mother's Day Prayer

Thank you Lord for all mothers.
On this day let us think of them whether they are with us or gone to their heavenly reward.
We think of their kindness their compassion, their care for us and all their unconditional love.
We pray that you will watch over them and support them in the joys and struggles of their daily lives.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

[A prayer for Mother's Day from The Family Book of Prayers]

The Diocesan Safeguarding Conference will take place on Wednesday, March 14th @ 8pm in St. Mel's College Assembly Hall, Longford. Tea/Coffee @7.30 pm. Wayne Denner, an expert in online engagement, will address the topic of Online Safety and will advise on how young people and adults can protect their well-being online. All are welcome.

Baptism

Chloe Catherine McLoughlin d/o Mervyn & Caroline, Fearglass Nth. was baptised and welcomed into our faith community last weekend.

Death

Pray for the repose of the soul of Michael McDonnell, brother of Maura Tully, Currabawn who died in England. May he rest in peace.

Trócaire Corner



This Mothering Sunday we pray for mothers across the developing world who strive to create a better future for their children. Mothers like those in Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan and Ethiopia where a hunger crisis still grips the land. Mothers there are doing without food so their children can have a little more to eat.

Today we pray for the people of Eastern Ghouta in Syria. Hundreds of innocent civilians have been killed in the bombing of the past two weeks including many children. Trócaire's partners continue to work on the ground in horrendous conditions. We pray for those who can resolve this crisis to find the political will to do so. [Visit: www.trocaire.org]

'THE EIGHTH AMENDMENT TO THE Constitution upholds the right to life of both mother and baby. It is not about one life at the expense of another. It is about cherishing mother and baby equally.



Occasionally medical interventions need to be carried out with the intention of saving the life of the mother, resulting in the unintended and unavoidable death of the unborn baby. This is not an abortion because it is not the direct and intentional ending of innocent human life. The greatest gift that each person has is the gift of life."

Excerpt from the Pastoral Message from Bishop Francis Duffy of Ardagh and Clonmacnois