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# Newsletter Drumlish & Ballinamuck



"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass... It's about learning to dance in the rain."

Vivian Greene

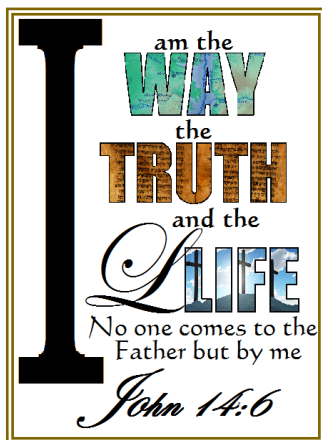
Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A - 10th May 2020

## Mass Intentions

Sunday Eamonn Mulleady  
Monday Misa Pro populo  
Tuesday Teresa/Joseph Gill  
Teresa McGowan & Mary Briggs & dfm.  
Friday Rose Anne/Alex/Mary Rose Kane  
Andrea/Conrado/Julie Remo  
Sunday Lá na gClub—Deceased Members



Offertory €769, Lenten Alms €40, Trócaire €156,  
Easter Dues €395, Candle Shrine €120. Thank you.



## Act of Spiritual Communion



"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen"



- **COVID-19 Support Line for Older People:** ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.
- **Invitation from Galilee Spirituality Centre:** Although our doors are currently closed, our prayer community extends far beyond our walls. We invite you to join us (virtually) on Thursdays, 9.00-9.30pm for prayer for all affected by the COVID19 outbreak and for all who care for them. Please let us know you are with us in spirit by getting in touch info@galilee.ie or 071-966-4101 and let us know any particular prayer needs.
- **Local Link Longford Westmeath Roscommon** are responsible for providing rural transport in the area. Our website locallinklwr.ie contains all our timetables and you can call our office on (044) 934 0801 to book your seat or enquire about our services. Development Officer Una D'Arcy is available to speak to people living in the area about the services available 0874435889

## Deaths

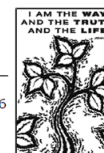
Pray for the repose of the souls of Baby Cara Jane Dolan (Mill Race), Tommy Hannify (Drumlish Hill) and Rose Brehony (Clondra/Derryheelan) whose funerals took place this week. May they rest in peace.

## ACCORD, Covid-19 Couples and Relationships Support Line.

If you need to speak to an experienced couples or relationship counsellor during this time of unprecedented stress and pressure on family life, contact 01 531 3331, 9.00am – 8.00pm Monday to Friday.

## Finding the Way

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6  
The puzzle is based on John 14:1-14 (NIV).



T J Y C O M T W A Y Z C P V A  
A E E H I S I A U J S S R L F  
H L X B U D Y R N H Y T E Y R  
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S Y I K I K N O W E M R J X S  
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ENOUGH	WAY	HEARTS	TROUBLED	TRUST
THOMAS	LIFE	MIRACLES	HOUSE	SEEN
SHOW	BELIEVE	KNOW	ROOMS	LIVING
FATHER	FAITH	PLACE	PREPARE	TRUTH

## Day of Prayer for Humanity

Our world is facing at the moment a great danger that threatens the lives of millions of people around the world due to the growing spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. While we reaffirm the role of medicine and scientific research in fighting this pandemic, we should not forget to seek refuge in God, as we face this severe crisis. Therefore, we call upon all peoples around the world to pray according to each one's respective religious convictions, to observe fast and to do good deeds to end this pandemic. The Higher Committee of Human Fraternity proposes Thursday, 14 May 2020 as a **day of prayers, fasting and works of charity** for the good of all humanity. Each individual, family or household are asked to pray on that date at a time of their own choosing for healing and a vaccine to end the virus.

## A House or a Home!

*O, to have a little house!  
To own the hearth and stool and all!  
The heaped up sods upon the fire,  
The pile of turf against the wall.*

You may remember these opening lines of a poem called **An Old Woman of the Roads**. Padraig Colum, who was born in Co. Longford, wrote it eighty five years ago. It describes the plight of a homeless woman who walks the roads begging for food in the day and for shelter when the night comes. She dreams of having a home of her own; night and day she prays

*'for a little house—a house of my own—  
Out of the wind's and the rain's way.'*

This poem touches us not only because we feel sorry for the woman of the roads, but because we share her desire for a place where she can feel at home, safe and comfortable. We want something else as well: not only to be at home but to be there with people who love and accept us and whom we love in return. It is not only in the next life that Jesus prepares a place for us; he prepares it in this life too. He is always at work preparing a place where we can be at home with ourselves, with others, with our environment and with God. He does this in our own homes. If we have a home and feel reasonably happy in it, we can thank God for that place and for bringing us there. The same Lord is at work in our communities, cities and in every country. When he prepares a place there is plenty of room for everybody: 'in my Father's house there are many rooms.' Wherever we see efforts to make people feel at home – local people and foreigners – there we are seeing Jesus at work today. We see him in the Simon Community where homeless people and volunteers live and work together in a spirit of acceptance and understanding. Indeed we see his presence most clearly when they reach out to those homeless people for whom no other provision exists.

Extract: *Lectio reflection* by Brendan Clifford

*Do not let your hearts be troubled  
Trust in God  
John 14:1*