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Drumlish Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter



*"Show me your hands—do they have scars from giving?
Show me your feet—are they wounded in service? Show me your heart—have you left a place for divine love?"*

-Ven. Fulton Sheen

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Temperance Sunday) Cycle B—14th February 2021

Mass Times & Intentions

Anniversary Masses which have been booked will be streamed on the Parish Webcam or alternatively may be cancelled or booked for a later date. Because there is no public celebration of Mass, the Sunday Mass may be booked again for streaming until further notice.

Note: Masses will be streamed on the Parish Webcam as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday at 10 a.m. The Church will not be open to the public during those times. Thank you.

The following anniversaries will be streamed at 10 am
Sun: Mairead Lynch, Ballinamuck
Tue: Private Intention
Wed: Ash Wednesday: John Heslin
Friday 4pm: Donal Farrell RIP, burial of ashes
Fri: Mary McGee, Cloncowley
Sun: Hugh/Mary Kate Collum, Barraghmore



Offertory €945; Dues €250; Shrine €265. Thank you for your continued support in these times.

NOTE: If anybody wishes to offer financial support to our Church you can do so by electronic transfer if it is more convenient to do so. Our bank details are as follows:-

BIC: AIBKIE2D;
IBAN: IE 15 AIBK 9321 4006 6850 07

Please note your box number or your name when transferring money. Thank you

Lent & Trócaire



This year, due to the Covid-19 restrictions I am asking parishioners to collect their Trócaire packet (which contains the Trócaire Box) from the back of the Church as there is no other means of distribution. Also please take one for your neighbour(s) who are not out and about. Thank you.

Level 5 Covid-19 Government Regulations

- ♦ **Sacraments and devotions:** All other ceremonies cease for the duration of Level Five including Baptism and the Sacrament of Penance. Novenas and other devotional practices may take place on line only, with no congregation present.
- ♦ **Funerals:** With effect from 24th December up to 10 mourners may attend at a funeral service.
- ♦ **Weddings:** With effect from Sunday 3rd January 2021 the number of guests permitted to attend is reduced to 6.
- ♦ **Anointing of the Sick and First Friday Calls:** Anointing of the sick may take place when invited by the family and taking all the necessary precautions of hand sanitising, social distancing, face covering and anointing with a cotton bud. First Friday calls not to take place under Level 5.
- ♦ Level 5 details are at: www.gov.ie
Francis Duffy, Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois

Drumlish Tidy Towns & Development

- ♦ **Drumlish Tidy Towns** – This year again, we are appealing to business owners and residential owners with footpath frontage to do their own power washing—it makes an enormous difference. We thank you all for the great work that was done last year - the external painting and decorating etc.
- ♦ **New Footpath to Drumlish Cemetery:** Drumlish Ballinamuck Area Development clg are raising funds to support project development in the community. The project is being majority funded by DRCD and CLAR as well as a contribution by Longford Co Co and the community is requested to make a contribution. The goal is €5,000 which must be raised immediately -the Go Fund Me link is: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/drumlishballinamuck-clg-community-fundraiser/donate>. Donations can be given to Breda Murphy and Amanda O'Hara-McDowell DBAD Committee and receipts will be issued. Your support is gratefully appreciated.

Ash Wednesday & Lent

- † Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Mass will be streamed online from Drumlish on Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. The Mass will be recorded and can be downloaded at any time during the day. A small envelope with Blessed Ashes from the morning Mass on Ash Wednesday can be picked up at the back of the Church after 10.30 a.m. On the Envelope will be printed a short ritual for the home.
- † Ash Wednesday is also a day of fast and abstinence. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the three main elements of our Lenten journey.
- † This Sunday is Temperance Sunday. Temperance relates to all forms of addiction—drink, drugs, gambling, over eating etc. and all the issues that spring from their abuse. Please use this special time to cultivate a spirit of temperance and moderation.
- † Trócaire Boxes are available for pick up at the back of the Churches. Awut and Ajak and their families, victims of the war in South Sudan, are featured on the Trócaire Box this year. Supporting Trócaire helps struggling and war-weary families like Awut's and Ajak's to survive and thrive. Without your help these families and many like them could be lost completely.

'Our Journey Through Lent'

The following resources for Lent will be available in the white envelope at the back of the Church titled **'Our Journey Through Lent'**:

- * A folded one page, with the Stations of the Cross, using images and short text
- * A Postcard with the Breastplate of St. Patrick, people would be invited to send this to neighbours in Nursing Homes, or isolating at home.
- * A 'Journeying Through Lent' Sheet: This would mention the elements of Lent, and give suggestions for prayer.
- * A card with prayers for Children preparing for the sacraments this year.

Year of St. Joseph

Pope Francis has dedicated this Church/Liturgical Year (December 8th 2020 - December 8th 2021) as a year dedicated to St. Joseph. The following prayer is specially dedicated to St. Joseph



*Hail,
Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
To you God entrusted his only Son,
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil.
Amen.
St. Joseph, pray for us*

A Prayer for Temperance

Compassionate Lord and Saviour, you inspired the Capuchin Friar Theobald Mathew to show your compassionate face to those addicted and burdened by the abuse of alcohol or addicted behaviour, and to promote temperance. May we today, continue to serve our brothers and sisters with love and joy, And to foster balance, and moderation in our life styles with the help of God. So, we pray, "here goes in the name of God." Amen

Temperance