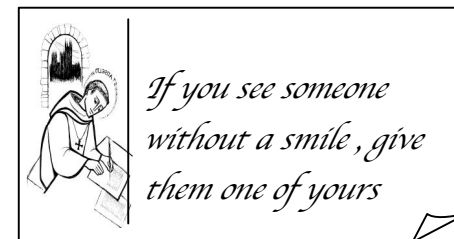


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Drumlish & Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter



First Sunday of Advent 1st December 2013

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Mollie Mollaghan, Cartron
Sun 11.00: McCormack/Cosgrove/Black Dfm
Mon 9.30: Misa pro Populo
Fri 8.00: Paddy Horan
Sat 8.00: Marian Campbell & dfm
Sun 11.00: Agnes/John Kenny + dfm
& Michael Cronin + dfm

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Shaughnessy Dfm, Lettergunnell
Tue 7.30: Patrick Collin, Lettergullion
Fri 7.30: Alice & Joseph Brady-Farrell & dfm
Sun 10.00: James Reynolds & Michael/Kathleen
Quinn & dfm

- **Children's Choir Practice Tues eve 6.15**
- **During Advent daily scripture reflections and meditations 30 mins before Mass Ballinamuck**

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Sheila Mimmagh
Sun: Orla Devlin
Eucharist Sat: Joe Caldwell
Sun: Brendan Murray

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Cathal Howe
Eucharist Sun: Kieran Duffy

Money Matters

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WE WILL WALK
IN THE NAME
OF THE LORD
OUR GOD! Micah 4:5

Advent



The new Liturgical year begins this first Sunday of Advent with the blessing of the Advent wreath. The Advent wreath is a circular garland of evergreen branches representing eternity. On that wreath, five candles are arranged. During the season of Advent one candle on the wreath is lit each Sunday as a part of the Advent services. Each candle represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Children are the future

As we prepare our young children for the sacraments, the following reflection is apt:

"Each second we live is a new and unique moment of the universe, a moment that will never be again. And what do we teach our children? We teach them that two and two make four, and that Paris is the capital of France. When will we also teach them what they are? We should say to each of them: Do you know what you are? You are a marvel. You are unique. In all the years that have passed, there has never been another child like you. Your legs, your arms, your clever fingers, the way you move. You may become a Shakespeare, a Michelangelo, a Beethoven. You have the capacity for anything. Yes, you are a marvel. And when you grow up, can you then harm another who is, like you, a marvel? You must work, we must all work, to make the world worthy of its children.ö

Pablo Casals

Bingo

Ballinamuck Christmas bingo will take place on the three Tuesdays in December. There will be extra prizes on every page and an extra prize of a hamper on the final Tuesday before Christmas, when we expect a special visitor with some goodies. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in the festive fun!

Ballinamuck Diary

- **This Christmas party** will take place on Sunday 8th December 2013 2.30-6.30pm. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you on the day. Anyone wishing to entertain on the day please contact Mary Breslin on 0861777294
- **The annual church gate collection** for the Ballinamuck Senior Citizens Christmas Party takes place this Sunday 1st December 2013. Please give generously. Thank you.
- **Daily scripture reflections and meditations** will take place during Advent, 30 minutes before Mass in St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Ballinamuck ICA

The December meeting of Ballinamuck ICA Guild will take place this Monday, December 2nd in the Visitors Centre, Ballinamuck at 8.30pm. All members please attend. Craft class will resume on Monday night December 9th at 8pm in the Visitors Centre.



"...if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake...you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect"

Colmcille Christmas Market

Colmcille ladies football club together with Palliative care will host a Christmas market on Sunday 8th December at 11am (after mass) in Colmcille community centre. Some of the crafts on display include crochet, hats, fascinators, handmade handbags, woodturning, crafts, Tupperware, portraits from photos, Christmas cakes and much more. A demonstration on Christmas cake decorating and on Christmas floral centrepieces will take place. Refreshments served.

Monaduff Social Club

The Christmas dinner and party is on Saturday, 14th December from 20 6 p.m. If you wish to come, please give your name to any committee member.

Sincere Appreciation

Drumlish Cemetery Ltd wish to thank Marie Maguire for her kind gesture of handing back the first prize of p1,000 as a donation towards the Cemetery Fund.

A Thought for Advent!

Count your *blessings* instead of your crosses;
Count your *gains* instead of your losses.
Count your *joys* instead of your woes;
Count your *friends* instead of your foes.
Count your *smiles* instead of your tears;
Count your *courage* instead of your fears.
Count your *full years* instead of your lean;
Count your *kind deeds* instead of your mean.
Count your *health* instead of your wealth;
Love your *neighbour* as much as yourself.