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# Drumlish & Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter

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*You will never get  
ahead of anyone as  
long as you're trying  
to get even with him*

Second Sunday of Advent 8th December 2013

## Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Marian Campbell & dfm  
Sun 11.00: Agnes/John Kenny + dfm  
& Michael Cronin + dfm  
Mon 9.30: Misa pro Populo  
Tue 9.30: Lizzie/Bernie O'Hara & Dfm  
Fri 8.00: Lucy/Malachy Kelleher, Greagh  
Sat 8.00: Patrick/Mary/Claire McNally  
Sun 10.00: Jimmy/Leonard Forde, Derawley

## Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: James Reynolds & Michael/Kathleen  
Quinn & dfm  
Mon 7..30: Thomas William/Tommy/Johnny/Lizzie  
& Paddy Rehill + Creegan Dfm  
Sat 12.00: Thomas William Rehill MM  
Sun 10.00: Brigid/Michael O'Foole

- Children's Choir Practice Tues eve 6.15
- Confessions every Friday after 7.30 Mass

## Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Darren Quinn  
Sun: Sean Collum  
Eucharist Sat: Bernadette Noonan  
Sun: Sr. Kathleen Duffy

## Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Darren Culliney  
Eucharist Sun: Cora McKenna

## Money Matters

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**'YOU ARE MY PEOPLE;  
I LOVE YOU!'**  
Romans 9:19-26

## Ballinamuck Diary

- **This Christmas party** will take place this Sunday 8th December 2013 2.30-6.30pm. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you.
- **Daily scripture reflections and meditations** will take place during Advent, 30 minutes before Mass in St. Patrick's Ballinamuck.
- **Ballinamuck Children's Christmas party** will take place on Sunday 15th December in Ø8 Hall 3pm-5pm. Come along and join in the fun with face painting, disco, balloon modelling and more! Visit Santa in his grotto. Family Photo. Admission optional.
- **St. Patrick's N.S. Christmas Carol Service** will be held in St. Patrick's Church on Thursday, 12th December at 6.30 p.m.. All donations go towards IT equipment in the school.
- **Christmas Crafts Fair in aid of Suicide Prevention Centre**, Longford takes place in the 98 Hall on Sunday, 22nd Dec from 106 2 p.m.
- **Craft class** will resume on Monday night December 9th at 8pm in the Visitors Centre, Ballinamuck.

## Monaduff Social Club

- The Christmas dinner and party is on Saturday, 14th December from 26 6 p.m. If you wish to come, please give your name to any committee member.
- Gortletteragh Drama Group present 'The Mock Wedding' in Gortletteragh Community Centre on Friday 13th December at 8 p.m. All our members are welcome to attend.
- A Committee meeting will be held on Monday December 9th at 8 p.m.

## Baptism

Lauren Mary McCormack d/o Paul & Antoinette Drumlish Hill was baptised and welcomed into our faith family last weekend.

## County Longford Social Services

The annual Church Gate Collection for County Longford Social Services will be held in Drumlish on 21st & 22nd December. This goes towards the provision of meals-on-wheels, transport services to and from hospitals, clinics and St. Joseph's day care centre. Your support helps provide these facilities.

## Deaths

Pray for the souls of Frank Courtney, Drumlish Hill and Terry McKenna, Kiltycreevagh whose funerals took place this week. May they rest in peace.

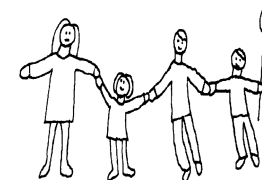
## Bingo

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!

## The Butcher

Two fellows opened a butcher shop and prospered. Then an evangelist came to town, and one of the butchers was saved. He tried to persuade his partner to accept salvation also, but to no avail. "Why won't you, Charlie?" asked the born-again fellow. "Listen, Lester," the other butcher said. "If I get religion, too, who's going to weigh the meat?"

MY FAITH  
IS GOD'S  
GIFT TO ME



*The Second Candle (Purple): The Bethlehem Candle or the Candle of Preparation—God kept his promise of a Saviour who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to "get ready".*

## A Day Well Spent!

If you sit down at set of sun  
And count the acts that you have done,  
And counting find  
One self-denying deed, one word  
That eased the heart of him who heard;  
One glance most kind,  
That fell like sunshine where it went—  
Then you may count that day well spent.

But if, through all the livelong day,  
You've done nothing that you can trace  
That brought the sunshine to one face—  
No act most small  
That helped some soul and nothing cost—  
Then count that day as worse than lost.

G. Eliot

## Through the Lens of the Gospels

John the Baptist came to bear witness to Jesus. John appears in the story as one who had the courage to be himself in the face of opposition. He was also a person who knew his own value, did not make exaggerated claims and was content with his mission. John was the voice of one crying out in the wilderness— announcing confidently to those in the wilderness that they must not despair because God's grace may come at any moment.

John Byrne OSA