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Drumlish & Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter

Rejoice!



*Having less doesn't
mean you are less*

Third Sunday of Advent 15th December 2013

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Patrick/Mary/Claire McNally
Sun 10.00: Jimmy/Leonard Forde, Derawley
Mon 9.30: Misa pro Populo
Wed 9.30: John/Margaret Quinn, Greagh
Fri 8.00: Pat/Maggie Nertney
Sat 8.00: Philomena Gray, Hill St
Sun 11.00: McNeill & Gordon Dfm

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Brigid/Michael O'Boole
Tue 7.30: Francis/Catherine McKenna/Gorman and Dfm
Fri 7.30: Babs/Tommy Joe McLaughlin
Sun 10.00: Patrick Ginty

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

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Rosa Collum
Sun: Helena Crowe
Eucharist Sat: Irene McNally
Sun: Mary Gillooley

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Helen McKenna
Eucharist Sun: Bridie Reilly

Money Matters

Drumlish p615; Ballinamuck p415

Death

Pray for the repose of the soul of Philomena Foley nee Collum who died in N.Y. and whose funeral took place in Drumlish on Friday. May she rest in peace.

Ballinamuck Diary

- **Ballinamuck Children's Christmas party** will take place on Sunday 15th December in 098 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. Adm. optional.
- **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.
- **Ballinamuck Senior Citizens:** The committee thank all who donated toward the church gate collection and all who helped with entertainment at the senior citizens Christmas party. Everyone had a wonderful day and hope to see you next year.
- **Playground update:** Work has commenced on our playground in the past week, which we hope to complete by Christmas. Thanks to all who have contributed, but there is still some fundraising required. Details later.
- **Ballinamuck Defibrillator scheme** -There will be a 50/50 poker classic in Dillon's Bar & Bistro on Friday 27th beginning at 4 p.m. in Aid of Ballinamuck Defibrillator scheme - all are welcome. Tickets p20. Contact Tommy Leslie at 0868724458.
- **There will be an Irish Night** in the 98 Bar on Sunday the 29th of December @ 8pm. Raffle in aid of Ballinamuck Twinning. All musicians, both young and old, welcome for a great night of traditional Irish Music!

Celebrating New Life



At our recent meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council it was decided to invite all parents and their new born who were baptised over the past year to celebrate the occasion again as a parish group on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This will take place at Mass on Sunday 12th January in both Drumlish and Ballinamuck. More later.

Eucharistic Adoration



The Eucharistic Adoration, suspended during the work on the sanctuary, will resume this Monday after 9.30 a.m. Mass until 12 noon. Due to various circumstances, the numbers taking part have declined in recent times. I invite more people to come for (15 mins, ½ hour, 1 hour) to offer adoration to the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. In a time of great challenge to our faith, this precious time offers an opportunity also to pray for conversion, renewal, healing and a deepening of faith.

Confessions for Christmas

Advent calls on us to repent, to make straight our paths, to put our lives and relationships in order. To help, there will be special penance services with confessions for the Christmas in our cluster of parishes as follows:

- **Ennybegs:** Monday 16th at 8 p.m. & Cullyfad 8.30
- **Drumlish:** Sunday 22nd at 7.00 p.m.
- **Newtownforbes:** Monday 23rd at 7.30 p.m.

A number of priests will be available on these three dates. Forgiveness and healing is a free gift of God's love for us.

Longford County Choir

Christmas Celebration Concert in St. Mel's Cathedral Centre this Sunday at 7 pm sharp.

St. Vincent's Minor Club Fundraiser

The annual fundraiser for St. Vincent's minor club will take place on Saturday 28th Dec. in Dillon's Bar & Bistro featuring Nite Fever. Hope to see you there!

Drumlish Senior Citizens Party

This years Christmas party will be held in the Old Village Inn on January 5th at 4 p.m. All welcome.

Carol Galvin Fundraiser

Family and organisers of the recent Fundraiser for Carol Galvin thank all for their generous support.

Senior Help Line

Senior Help Line, Ireland's only confidential listening service for older people provided by older volunteers is open 365 days of the year. The help line is open every day of the Christmas holiday and New Year season from 10am till 10pm. So don't be alone. We are there. Phone Senior Help Line LoCall 1850 440 444, (no call costing more than 30 cent).

County Longford Social Services

The annual Church Gate Collection for County Longford Social Services will be held in Drumlish & Ballinamuck 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.

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.

Joy of the Lord, the joy that is strength, the joy that no man takes from us, the joy wherewith we joy before God, the abundant joy of faith and hope and love and praise - this it is that gathers like a radiant, fostering, cheerful air around the soul that yields itself to the grace of God, to do his holy, loving will.

Francis Paget