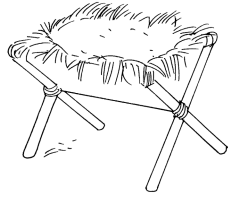
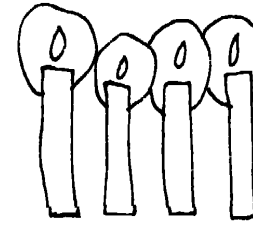


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Fourth Sunday of Adventô 22nd December 2013

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Philomena Gray, Hill St
Sun 11.00: McNeill & Gordon Dfm
Mon 9.30: Misa pro Populo
Tue 10.00: James/Mary Dunleavy
Wed 11.00: John Davis
Thur 10.00: Corrigan/McKenna Dfm
Fri 8.00: Mary Gray-Quinnie, MM
Sat 8.00: James Creegan, MM
Sun 11.00: John Gray, Cloncowley

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Patrick Ginty
Wed 10.00: Marilyn McDermott
Fri 7.30: Thomas/Elizabeth Whitney
Sun 10.00: Packie Duffy, MM

• **Confessions every Friday after 7.30 Mass**

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers	Xmas Eve	Kathleen Dunleavy
	Xmas Day	Sr. Kathleen Duffy
	Sat:	John Egan
	Sun:	Dolores Kane
Eucharist	Xmas Eve	Mary Gearty
	Xmas Day	Pat Corrigan
	Sat:	Kathleen Gill
	Sun:	Ann B Corrigan

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers	Sun:	Adrian Lennon
Eucharist	Sun:	Ryan McGee

Money Matters

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Being found when you're lost

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.

Mass Arrangements for Christmas

Drumlish: Christmas Eve: 9.00 p.m.
Christmas Day: 9.30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Ballinamuck: Christmas Eve 9.00 p.m.
Christmas Day 10.00 a.m.

+ Bishop Francis' Christmas Message 2013

St Luke wrote "As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart" (Lk 2: 19). It is an image of Mary in the midst of all the excitement and the danger, quietly recognising that something special was happening to her and to her son. We often reflect on what we treasure: our spouses, our children, our parents and those who are very close to us, they are our treasures and they impact on our hearts. Sometimes our treasure is gone: bereavement can leave us feeling empty. The absence of family members who are abroad can leave our Christmas celebration incomplete. Many people think about Jesus in Bethlehem and wonder what this tells us about God and about being human? It has to do with the treasure that God is to us, the treasure that we are to God and the treasure that we can be to each other. I hope that the message of Christmas will us bring peace and joy and help us treasure what is important. Happy Christmas to all.

+ Francis Duffy
Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois

Ballinamuck Irish Night

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 Irish Music!

Eucharistic Adoration



The Eucharistic Adoration in St. Mary's Drumlish, suspended during the work on the sanctuary, continues on Mondays after 9.30 a.m. Mass until 12 noon. For different reasons, 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. This precious time offers an opportunity to pray for 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:

- **Drumlish:** This 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.

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.

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 !

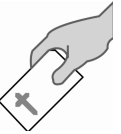
Senior Help Line

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).

Envelopes 2014

The Offertory/Dues Envelopes for 2014 are now available for collection.

Envelopes have been issued only to those who have used the envelope system over the past year. If you haven't received an envelope, but wish to contribute to the support of the parish and priests of the parish, please contact Fr. Ber, Fr. Patsy or any of the Parish Pastoral Council, and we can provide you with a packet of envelopes. Last year we claimed back p19,309 from the Revenue on contributions you made to the parish. However, we can only claim back such tax, provided we have a record of such monies paid. For that reason, the more people who use the envelope system, the more the parish benefits. Thanks again for your continued support, without which neither parish nor priests can exist.



On behalf of the priests of the parish, I wish you all a very happy Christmas and continued blessings in the coming year. We extend a warm welcome to those who journeyed home to be with their families and to those who celebrate these special occasions with us. Like any family, our faith family also feel your absence and wish we could be together more often.