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CHRISTMAS  
GIVES US A  
LITTLE CHILD



# Drumlish & Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter



*The family that has no  
skeleton in the cupboard  
has buried it instead*

Feast of the Holy Family 29th December 2013

## Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: James Creegan, MM  
Sun 11.00: John Gray, Cloncowley  
Mon 9.30: Misa pro Populo  
Wed 9.30: John/Margaret/John P. Brady + Dfm  
& Sinead Slevin  
Fri 8.00: Rita Crowe, Derawley  
Sat 8.00: Mary Mimmagh, Cloonaugh  
Sun 11.00: Jack/Micheál Corr, Kilnashee

## Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 29th Dec: Packie Duffy, MM  
Sun 5th Jan: Seamus Quinn, Lettergunnell

• Confessions every Friday after 7.30 Mass

## Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Siobhan Egan  
Sun: Annette Kane  
Eucharist Sat: Mary Gearty  
Sun: Marian McNally

## Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Kay Culliney  
Eucharist Sun: Grainne Carty

## Money Matters

Drumlish Sunday & Christmas Day €2,361,  
Ballinamuck Sunday €315

## 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.

## Celebrating New Life



On Sunday, 12th January, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the parents/families of all the babies who were baptised over the past year are invited, along with their babies, to Sunday Masses in either Drumlish and Ballinamuck to celebrate the that great event as a parish community or as the faith family of our parish. We look forward to meeting you again, praying together as a family and celebrating the gift of new life.

## Word of Thanks

We express our thanks and encouragement to all who came out in such great numbers to our Christmas celebrations. Thanks to those who prepared the churches, helped out as readers, ministers of the Eucharist, altar servers, collectors/counters, choirs etc. Without such participation our church cannot survive.

## Happy New Year



*As we start a new year, we wish you a year filled with happiness, good health, safe keeping and God's blessing on you and your families.*

## 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 €19,309 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. You can also help us by bringing the envelopes to those in your area who may attend mass outside our parish. Thanks to all who support us financially, especially in these difficult times. Special Dues envelopes are available at the back of the Church for those who don't use the regular envelope system.



## Death

Pray for the repose of the soul of Peter Wallace, Church View Drive whose funeral took place this week. May he rest in peace.

## Rudyard Kipling's Family Reflection

Rudyard Kipling once wrote about families, ðall of us are we ð and everyone else is they. ð A family shares things like dreams, hopes, possessions, memories, smiles, frowns, and gladness...A family is a clan held together with the glue of love and the cement of mutual respect. A family is shelter from the storm, a friendly port when the waves of life become too wild. No person is ever alone who is a member of a family.



## Successful Families

According to a study of more than 500 family counsellors, the following are the top traits of successful families:

- É Communicating and listening
- É Affirming and supporting family members
- É Respecting one another
- É Developing a sense of trust
- É Sharing time and responsibility
- É Knowing right from wrong
- É Having rituals and traditions
- É Sharing a religious core
- É Respecting privacy.

## First Friday

Next Friday is the first Friday. The sick and housebound will be attended as usual.

