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Drumlish & Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter



You don't choose your family. They are God's gift to you.

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Feast of the Holy Family - (B)ô 28th December 2014

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: James Creegan
Sun 11.00: Peter Wallace, Church View
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo
Thur 10.00: Mary Mother of God (New Year Begins)
Fri 8.00: Margaret/John Quinn, Greagh
Sun 11.00: Mary Mimmagh, Cloonaugh Lr

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Philip/Mamie Martin & Dfm and
Seamus Quinn & dfm, Lettergunnell

Note: Confessions & Adoration after Friday Mass

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Bridie Mollaghan
Sun: Helena Crowe
Communion Sat: Mary Gearty
Sun: Anna B Corrigan

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Shauna Hagan
Communion Sun: Ryan McGee

Money Matters

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Deaths

Pray for the following who died during the week:
• Brigid Howard nee Kane, late Esker North and Milltown Malbay, Co. Clare
• Patrick Sheridan, Granard
• James Canning, Bohey whose funeral takes place after 11.30 Mass in Gortletteragh this Sunday
• John Taite, Fardrummin & Dublinô funeral arrangements later.

'The Meaning of Marriage'

—The Meaning of Marriage is a pastoral statement from the Irish Catholic Bishops and is available at the back of the Church. It is the Church's response to the debate taking place re: the re-defining of marriage as understood over the centuries. You can download it at: <http://www.catholicbishops.ie/2014/12/03/meaning-marriage/>

2015 Offertory/Dues Envelopes

The envelopes for the various collections for 2015 are now available. To cut back on expenses, envelopes will only be issued to those who used them last year. Those who don't use the envelope system but who wish to support of the priests of parish are asked to use the special envelopes available at the back of the church prior to Dues Collections. Please note that:

- your number may change from year to year;
- if you don't receive a packet of envelopes but would like to, contact any of the priests or a member of the pastoral council;
- by using the envelope system, it is possible for the parish, under the charities act, to reclaim the taxes that you may have paid for the benefit of the parish.

Celebrating New Life

In conjunction with the beginning of the new year and the feast of the Baptism of the Lord (11th Jan 2015) we invite all those baptised over the past year with their parents to celebrate the gift of new life at our Sunday Mass in Drumlish & Ballinamuck on 11th January. Please note this date in your diary.

The St Vincent's AGM

The AGM will be held on the 3rd January 2015 in Monaduff Clubhouse at 8.30pm. We hope to see a good attendance and especially as many parents as possible. We look forward to your support in 2015.

New Year's Day Mass

To mark the beginning of the new year, the feast of Mary, Mother of God and also World Day of Peace, Mass in St. Mary's Drumlish will be at 10 a.m. It is also an opportunity to give thanks for the year gone by and to ask God's blessing on the coming year.

Drumlish Senior Citizens Christmas Party

Drumlish senior citizens Christmas party takes place in the Old Village Inn on Sunday, 11th January at 4 p.m. All welcome.

Thanks & Appreciation

As we come to the end of the year of 2014, the parish of Drumlish & Ballinamuck is indebted to many people because of their participation in the various activities within the parish. The community is built on such participation, both spiritually and materially. We say a special thanks at Church level to our Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, Choirs, Collectors, Counters, Ministers of Communion, Readers, those who look after the Church cleaning and decorating, Altar Servers, Ushers and a host of unnamed people who help build up our Parish Community. Without your active involvement and generous commitment our Parish could not function. Thank you sincerely. As Bishop Francis said at a recent meeting of our Parish Pastoral Council: more lay people must become involved in the year(s) ahead if we are to maintain the parish unit and foster the faith of the community. We face this challenge in this new year 2015 with faith, hope and love, knowing that God is on this journey with us.

Be
Joyful
in hope



Having a place to go is
Home
Having someone to love is
Family
Having both is a
Blessing

Love in the Home

If I live in a house of spotless beauty with everything in its place, but have not Love, I am a housekeeper—not a homemaker.
If I have time for waxing, polishing, and decorative achievements, but have not Love, my children learn cleanliness—not godliness.
Love leaves the dust in search of a child's laugh.
Love smiles at the tiny fingerprints on a newly cleaned window.
Love wipes away the tears before it wipes up the spilled milk.
Love picks up the child before it picks up the toys.
Love is present through the trials.
Love reprimands, reproves, and is responsive.
Love crawls with the baby, walks with the toddler,
runs with the child, then stands aside to let the youth walk into adulthood.
Love is the key that opens salvation's message to a child's heart.
Before I became a mother I took glory in my house of perfection.
Now I glory in God's perfection of my child.
As a mother, there is much I must teach my child, but the greatest of all is Love.

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