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Drumlish & Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter



Three things that never return: the past, the missed opportunity, the spoken word

First Sunday of Advent—Year C—29th November 2015

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: James/Molly Mollaghan, Cartron
Sun 11.00: Frank Courtney & Dfm, Drumlish Hill
Mon 9.30: For the people of the Parish
Fri 8.00: Marion Campbell
Sat 8.00: Patrick & Mary McNally
Eleanor Reynolds, MM, Longford Rd
Sun 11.00: Jimmy/Leonard Forde, Derawley/Dublin

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Shaughnessy Dfm, Lettergunnell
Mon 7.00: Maureen/Jim Kane; Kane/Leavy Dfm
Fri 7.00: Terry McKenna & Dfm, Kiltyreevagh
Sun 10.00: Michael/Brigid O'Toole

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: John Egan
Sun: Billy Kelleher
Communion Sat: Irene McNally
Sun: Pat Corrigan

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Kay Culliney
Communion Sun: Kieran Duffy

Offertory Collection

Drumlish €736, Priests Nov Dues €64
Ballinamuck €195, Shrine €100

First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday. Housebound will be attended on Thursday in Ballinamuck area and on Friday in Drumlish area.

A Goal for the Week!

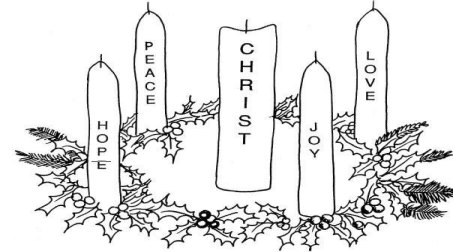
Listen without defending
Speak without offending



- **Monaduff Social Club:** Christmas Party will be held in the Clubrooms on Saturday, 5th Dec. from 2—6 p.m. Please give your name to any committee member.
- **Ballinamuck Community Christmas Party** will be held on Sunday, 13th Dec. in the Hall at 2.30 p.m. Anyone who would like to entertain, contact Mary Breslin on 0861777294. Note: no individual invitations are being issued—everyone is welcome.
- **Crumlin Children's Hospital Fundraiser:** On Friday 4th December the Village Inn will host a table quiz fundraiser for the Children's Medical & Research Foundation (Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children, Crumlin). Start time is 10pm and a table of 4 is €40. For more information contact Pat on 086 8355100. Your support greatly appreciated.
- **Longford Warmer Homes** provides free attic insulation, cavity wall insulation and energy advice to elderly and disadvantaged home owners throughout the county that meet certain criteria. Longford Warmer Homes also carries out work for the elderly as part of the Care & Repair Scheme.
- **BOOM Spraying Pesticide** Application: This course commencing in Dromard in early December, is to equip the learner with the knowledge, skill and competence to apply pesticides using a BOOM Sprayer in accordance with legislations and recommended safe practice. The cost of the course is €220 and is 3 day duration. IFA members please contact Sean Conefrey 0868188023 or Teresa McNerney 0861026252.
- **St. Helens** are holding their AGM on Friday night next the 04th of December at 8pm sharp in Monaduff Clubhouse. We are hoping to see a large turnout from parents.
- **Ballinamuck ICA Guild:** The December meeting will be held on Wednesday night December 2nd at 8.30pm in the meeting room upstairs in the '98 Hall. All members are asked to attend. New members are always very welcome.

Advent

This weekend we begin the season Advent, the four weeks of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Christ at Christmas time.



The Advent wreath is a circular garland of evergreen branches representing eternity. On that wreath, five candles are typically arranged. Each candle represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the coming of light of Christ into the world. On the first Sunday of Advent, the first purple candle is lit. This candle is called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, primarily Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. This candle represents hope or expectation in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

Safeguarding Message from Bishop Francis

During this season of Advent many children will be involved in preparations for Christmas liturgies. It is a special time for them and for their families. I wish to thank our Safeguarding Representatives in the forty-one parishes for their work in ensuring the safety of children in all church related activities. I encourage anyone with concerns regarding the safety of children or anyone who suffered in the past to contact our Designated Persons: Sean Leydon (087-7431649) or Róisín O'Doherty (087-3327587) or Towards Healing (1800 303416) or An Garda Síochana or Tusla.

The Advent

Prophecy Candle

Bethlehem Candle

Find the hidden words

Christmas Jesus Lights Calendar Church Purple Wreath

Shepherds Candle

Angels Candle

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Christmas Prayer

May the forgiving spirit of Him to whom we dedicate this season prevail again on earth.
May hunger disappear and terrorists cease their senseless acts.
May people live in freedom, worshiping as they see fit, loving others.
May the sanctity of the home be ever preserved.
May peace, everlasting peace, reign supreme."