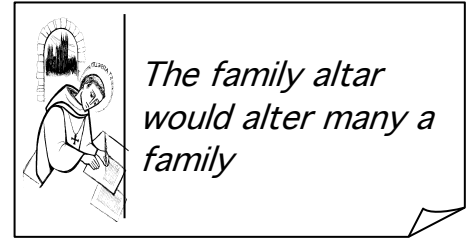


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# Drumlish & Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter



Second Sunday of Advent—Year C—6th December 2015

## Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Patrick & Mary McNally  
Eleanor Reynolds, MM, Longford Rd  
Sun 11.00: Jimmy/Leonard Forde, Derawley/Dublin  
Mon 9.30: For the people of the Parish  
8.00: Philomena Foley (Vigil Mass)  
Tue 11.00: John Kiernan, Monaduff  
Fri 8.00: John/James /Joseph Kenny & Dfm  
Michael/John/Bridgie Cronin & Dfm  
Sat 8.00: John Gray, Cloncowley  
Sun 11.00: Lucy/Malachy Kelleher, Greagh

## Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Michael/Brigid O'Toole  
Mon 7.00: Francie/Kathy McKenna & Gorman Dfm  
Tue 7.00: Joseph/Alice Brady & Farrell Dfm  
Fri 7.00: Terence Gilleece, Months Mind  
Sun 10.00: James Reynolds

## Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Siobhan Egan  
Sun: Dympna Davis  
Communion Sat: Kathleen Gill  
Sun: Anna B Corrigan

## Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Rachel Howe  
Communion Sun: Cora McKenna

## Offertory Collection

Drumlish €675, Nov Dues €145, Shrine €290  
Ballinamuck €477

## Deaths

Pray for the repose of the souls of Kathleen 'Katie' Duffy, Aughadowery whose funeral took place this Saturday and for Danny Grimes, Drumlish Hill whose funeral takes place after 11 a.m. Mass in Drumlish this Sunday. Also Winnie Hunt nee Quinn, late Kilmashree who died in England recently. RIP.



- ♦ **Irish Blood Transfusion Service:** The Mobile Unit will be in the Longford Arms Hotel, Longford on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week from 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. In this season of gift giving, what better gift can anyone give than the gift of life. Give blood—give life.
- ♦ **Longford County Choir** will make a welcome return to St. Mel's Cathedral on Sunday evening the 20th December at 7pm for their annual concert of Christmas Carols with orchestra and soprano Emer Barry and St. Christopher's Choir - Tickets are available from local County Choir members. Price €10
- ♦ **Drumlish Local History-** if there are any College Students of local history in the Drumlish end of the parish could they contact Helen at Drumlish Library or Annette at 086 8141023
- ♦ **Ballinamuck Enhancement:** A Petition has been launched for submission to Longford Co. Co. with regard to the Safety issues at Gaigue Cross junction. It is currently in Ballinamuck Shop, we invite you to sign if you too have concerns surrounding safety there. Thank You.
- ♦ **Mulligan Benefit Dance Committee Thanks** The organisers of the recent successful Sean Mulligan benefit dance thank most sincerely all the various groups of ticket sellers, entertainers, donors, media and general public who supported the event and contributed with such generosity.
- ♦ **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.

## Booking of Masses— Change of Practice

Most people who book Masses wish to have the Mass at the weekends. This is due to work practice and to accommodate people who are home at weekends only. Due to demand, it is not possible to accommodate individual Masses for every request. This was discussed at our recent Pastoral Council meeting and it was agreed that from the beginning January 2016 those who book Masses for the weekends in Drumlish or Ballinamuck [i.e. Saturdays and Sundays] will be asked to share the Masses with others who may have anniversaries occurring at the same time. We know that this is a departure for some people, but we ask your understanding and support. It is a practice that is followed in many parishes now. Thank you.

## Feast of Immaculate Conception

Tuesday is the feast of the Immaculate Conception and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses in Drumlish on Monday Vigil at 8 p.m. and on Tuesday at 11 a.m. Mass in Ballinamuck on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

## Drumlish N.S. Christmas Concert

This takes place next Friday in the Community Centre, Drumlish beginning at 7 p.m. Adm. €10. Each class has prepared a short programme for the night. Proceeds go towards bridging the gap between Government grant and the final cost of completing the extension to the School. Tickets are on sale in the shops in Drumlish and on the night at the door. Its important to support the efforts of the children and their teachers and also the development of the school facilities. They are our children—its our school.

## A Goal for the Week!

**During the week:**  
**Visit the Church at some time**  
**Bring your child/grandchild with you**  
**Sit for a while and listen to the silence**  
**Let God speak to your heart**



On the second Sunday of Advent, the second purple candle is lit. This candle typically represents love. Some traditions call this the "Bethlehem Candle," symbolizing Christ's manger.

**A little child,  
A shining star,  
A stable rude,  
The door ajar,  
Yet in that place,  
So crude, forlorn,  
The hope of all  
The world was born.**



## 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 Síochána or Tusla.