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# Drumlish & Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter



*Forgiveness does not  
change the past but it  
enlarges the future*

Paul Boese

Fourth Sunday of Advent—Year C—20th December 2015

## Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Peter Wallace, Church View Drive  
Sun 11.00: James/Mary Dunleavy, Cartron  
Mon 9.30: For the people of the Parish  
Thur 8.00: Patrick Gordon  
Fri 11.00: John Davis  
Sat 8.00: Corrigan/McKenna Dfm  
Sun 11.00: Philomena Gray, Hill St

## Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Michael/Kathleen Quinn & Dfm  
Mon 7.00: Babs/Tommy Joe McLoughlin  
Thur 9.00 p.m: Brian/Marilyn McDermott  
Fri 10.00: Patrick Ginty, Shanmullagh  
Sun 10.00: Margaret Donnelly

## Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Bridie Mollaghan  
Sun: Billy Kelleher  
Communion Sat: Joe Caldwell  
Sun: Ann Davis

## Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Mary McKenna  
Communion Sun: Ryan McGee

## Offertory Collection

Drumlish €1261 (Sunday & Holy Day,  
Ballinamuck €385 (Sunday & Holy Day)

## Booking of Masses for 2016

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 thank you for your understanding and support.

## Celebration of Nativity Mass

Masses for Christmas Day will be as follows:  
Vigil Mass on Thursday evening in Drumlish at 8 p.m and Ballinamuck at 9 p.m. Christmas Day Masses on Friday in Drumlish at 9.30 a.m. and 11 a.m. and in Ballinamuck at 10 a.m.

## Confessions for Christmas

As part of the celebration of the year of mercy, we invite all or as many as possible, to our Christmas celebration of Confession and Reconciliation which will be celebrated as follows:  
Monday 21st Dec. Newtownforbes at 7.30 p.m.  
Tuesday 22nd Dec. Ennybegs/Cullyfad at 8 p.m.  
Wednesday 23rd Dec. Drumlish/Ballinamuck at 8 pm  
There will be a number of priests hearing confessions at those times. It's a privileged opportunity to receive the mercy of God in this special way.

## Holy Year of Mercy

For the Holy Year of Mercy, the logo and the motto together provide a fitting summary of what the Jubilee Year is all about. The motto Merciful Like the Father (Luke, 6:36) serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure. The logo represents an image of the Son having taken upon his shoulders the lost soul demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption. One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ.

## RHS Homecare

RHS Homecare: We provide a wide range of top quality, affordable home care services to our clients. If you or a family member require homecare assistance please call us on (0906) 625988 or email: care@rhshomecare.ie



- **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 from local County Choir members. Price €10
- **Ballinamuck Children's Christmas party:** Sunday 20th December in '98 Hall 3pm-5pm. Come along and join in the fun with disco, balloon modelling and more! Visit Santa in his grotto. (3pm sharp), Family Photo. Admission optional.
- **Bingo in Ballinamuck** on Tuesday night at 8.30 pm in the 98 Hall. Extra prizes for Christmas. Support appreciated.
- **Christmas Choir in Ballinamuck:** If you can help provide music in the Church on Christmas Day or Christmas Eve, please contact Fr. Joe.
- **Annual Church Gate Collection** for County Longford Social Services is being taken up this weekend. This collection goes towards meals on wheels, transport services to and from hospitals, clinics and St. Joseph's Care Centre. Please support.
- **The Carers Association** are providing the QQI (FETAC) Level 5 Activities of Living Patient Care Module (commencing 12/01/2016) & Care Skills Module (commencing 23/02/2016) in Longford For more info contact the training unit on 057 93 70221.
- **Fr Manning Gaels Annual Table Quiz** will be held on December 30th 2015 in the Porter House Drumlish at 9.00pm. Table of 4 is €40.00. Great Prizes to be won on the night. All support appreciated.
- **Kiltycreevagh N.S. Re-union 5 Big Hamper** draw takes place in Dillon's Bar and Bistro tonight Sunday 20th December. Music between 8-10 with our own young local artist David Kiernan. Lines will be on sale tonight before the draw @ €2 each
- **Drumlish Senior Citizen Christmas party** in the Old Village Inn on Sunday January 10th at 4pm. All welcome!

## Offertory Boxes for 2016

Offertory Boxes for the new year are now available. Once again we thank most sincerely all those who continue to support us through these collections. Those who use the offertory boxes help the parish in an additional way because the parish as a charitable institution can claim back taxes paid at source for those who contribute €250 or more over the year. To cut down on expenses boxes are being issued only to those who have used them over the past year. If you don't get a box but would like to receive one, please contact Fr. Ber or any of the Parish Pastoral Council. Thank you.

## Well Done

Well done to the children and teachers of St. Mary's N.S. and St. Patrick's N.S. for the great work they put into their Christmas plays and re-enactment of the Nativity story. Thanks also to the parents and wider community for their support and generosity.

## Christmas Blessings



Christmas greetings and good wishes from the priests of the parish. Thank you for your love and support over the year. We look forward to celebrating with you and your families the birth of Jesus. As we enter this Holy Year of Mercy, we are invited to open our hearts to receive the love, mercy and healing that is offered to us at this time. May God bless and keep you in his care.