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Drumlsh & Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter



*A small child is someone
who can wash his hands
without getting the soap
wet*

Feast of the Holy Family—Year C—27th December 2015

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlsh

Sat 8.00: Corrigan/McKenna Dfm
Sun 11.00: Philomena Gray, Hill St
Mon 9.30: Rita Crowe
Sat 12.00: Danny Grimes, MM, Drumlsh Hill
8.00: Thomas Anthony Farrell & Dfm
Sun 11.00: Mary Mimmagh, Cloonaugh
Mae Carey

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Margaret Donnelly
Sun 3rd Jan: Maisie/Michael Kiernan & Dfm

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlsh

Readers Sat: Kathleen Kelleher
Sun: Dymna Davis
Communion Sat: Bernadette Noonan
Sun: Brendan Murray

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Ryan Forde
Communion Sun: Mary Breslin

Offertory Collection

Drumlsh €805, Shrine €357; Ballinamuck €340

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.



- **Bingo in Ballinamuck** on Tuesday night at 8.30 pm in the 98 Hall. Extra prizes for Christmas. Support appreciated.
- **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 Drumlsh at 9.00pm. Table of 4 is €40.00. Great Prizes to be won on the night. All support appreciated.
- **Drumlsh Senior Citizen Christmas party** in the Old Village Inn on Sunday January 10th at 4pm. All welcome!
- **Public Meeting:** is scheduled for Monday 11th January 2016 in the Community Centre for 7.30pm re: the development of Drumlsh heritage. One area in particular focus is Dr. William O'Higgins, late Bishop of Ardagh & Clonmacnois who was born in Barraghbeg and the link with St Mel's Cathedral, Longford. If there was enough interest, we could embark on creating a Drumlsh Heritage Trail. Come along and share your ideas and lend your support.
- **2016 Spring Course:** Mohill Computer Training are currently taking applications for a range of computer and business courses which will commence in January 2016 Further details and application forms are available from 071 9632024 or info@mct.ie <<mailto:info@mct.ie>>

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

First Friday

Next Friday is the first Friday. The housebound will be visited in Ballinamuck on Thursday and in Drumlsh on Friday at the usual times.

Death

Pray for the repose of the soul of Maureen Courtney, Drumlsh Hill whose funeral took place during the week. May she rest in peace.

Celebrating New Life

In conjunction with the new year and the feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Sunday 10th Jan 2016) we invite all those baptised over the past year, together with their parents to celebrate the gift of new life at our Sunday Mass in Drumlsh & Ballinamuck on Sunday 10th January 2016.

Marriage

Congratulations and best wishes to Paddy McKeon and Sharon Hogan, Cloonmacart who were married last weekend.

Thanks

As we come to the end of the year of 2015, the parish of Drumlsh & Ballinamuck is indebted to many people because of their participation in the various activities in the parish. The material and spiritual well being of the parish depends on such participation. We thank the Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee Choirs, Collectors, Counters, Ministers of Communion, Readers, those who look after the cleaning and decorating of the Churches, Altar Servers, Ushers and a host of unnamed people who help build up the Parish community. We say thanks to Fr. Patsy for his term of service to the parish and we welcome Fr. Joe, although in a more restricted role because of his full time work in St. Mel's College. That change alone signifies the need for more and greater involvement of the lay faithful if our parish is to be a living expression of our faith and commitment.

Successful Families

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

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

Don't Forbid Them

Said a precious little laddie to his Father one bright day
"May I give myself to Jesus? Let Him wash my sins away?"
"Oh my son, but you're too little wait until you older grow,
For bigger folk 'tis true do need Him but little ones are safe, you know."

Said the Father to the laddie as a storm was coming on,
"Are the sheep all safely sheltered safe within the fold, my son?"
"Ah—the big ones are, my Father but the lambs, I let them go
For I didn't think it mattered, little ones are safe, you know."

Oh my brother, oh, my sister; have you too made that mistake?
Little hearts that now are yielded may be hardened then too late.
Ere the evil days come nigh them "Let the children come to Me
And forbid them not," said Jesus "Of such shall my Kingdom be."

