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# Drumlish & Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter



*Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.*

— Carl Bard

Second Sunday after Christmas—Year C—3rd January 2016

## Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Thomas Anthony Farrell & Dfm  
Sun 11.00: Mary Mimmagh, Cloonaugh  
Mae Carey  
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo  
Wed 11.00: Feast of Epiphany  
Fri 8.00: Eddie/Phyllis Hughes & Mary Dolan Dfm  
Sat 8.00: Michael Joe/Alice/Micheál Quinn & Dfm  
Sun 11.00: James F/Catherine Keane, Main St

## Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Maisie/Michael Kiernan & Dfm  
Wed 7.00: Feast of Epiphany  
Sun 10.00: Mary Ann/Michael Mel Reilly &  
Jodie Fitzsimmons, Townagh

## Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Mary Ross  
Sun: Ellie Halpin  
Communion Sat: Irene McNally  
Sun: Sr. Kathleen Duffy

## Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Nuala McLoughlin  
Communion Sun: Kieran Duffy

## Offertory Collection Xmas Day/Sunday

Drumlish €2,174; Ballinamuck €1,035, Shrine €213  
Priests Dues €5,656. Sincere thanks to all.

## Celebrating New Life

In conjunction with the new year and the feast of the Baptism of the Lord 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 Drumlish & Ballinamuck next Sunday, 10th January 2016. Not only does the birth of a baby bring joy to the immediate family, but it is also a joyous occasion for the wider Christian family, the parish family.

## Feast of Epiphany

Wednesday is the feast of the Epiphany and is a holy day of obligation. Vigil Mass in Drumlish on Tuesday at 8pm and on Wednesday at 11 am. Mass in Ballinamuck on Wednesday at 8 pm.

## Happy New Year

Wishing all our parishioners and neighbours a very happy new year. In this jubilee year of Mercy our prayer is that all people may experience the gentle love and mercy of God, wherever they are and whatever their circumstances.

## 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. You can help by bringing the boxes for the neighbours in your own area. 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.

## Thanks from Ballinamuck

Ballinamuck Christmas Party organisers thank all who helped, those who donated spot prizes and entertainers who helped make the party so enjoyable. The committee wish all a very happy new year.



- ♦ **Bingo in Ballinamuck** on Tuesday night at 8.30 pm in the 98 Hall. Support appreciated.
- ♦ **The Carers Association** are providing the QQ1 (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.
- ♦ **Drumlish Senior Citizen Christmas party** in the Old Village Inn on Sunday next, 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 Drumlish 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 Drumlish 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) <<mailto:info@mct.ie>>

## Parish Pastoral Council

There will be a meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council with Fr. Laurence Gallagher in the Parochial House, Drumlish on Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. to prepare for our upcoming Parish Mission which takes place from 14th February to 21st February. All members please attend.

## Sailing into the New Year

God built and launched this year for you;  
Upon the bridge you stand;  
It's your ship, aye, your own ship,  
And you are in command.  
Just what the twelve months' trip will do  
Rests wholly, solely, friend, with you.

Your logbook kept from day to day  
My friend, what will it show?  
Have you on your appointed way  
Made progress, yes or no?  
The log will tell, like guiding star,  
The sort of captain that you are.

For weal or woe this year is yours;  
Your ship is on life's sea  
Your acts, as captain, must decide  
Whichever it shall be;  
So now in starting on your trip,  
Ask God to help you sail your ship.

Author Unknown

## To Start A New Year. . . . Anonymous

"A new year is unfolding—like a blossom with petals curled tightly concealing the beauty within.

Lord, let this year be filled with the things that are truly good—with the comfort of warmth in our relationships, with the strength to help those who need our help and the humility and openness to accept help from others.

As we make our resolutions for the year ahead, let us go forward with great hope that all things can be possible—with Your help and guidance."