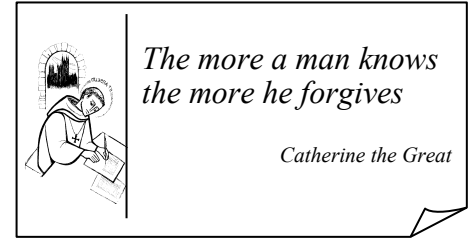


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Second Sunday of Advent Year A—4th December 2016

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Danny Grimes & Dfm, Drumlish Hill
Sun 11.00: McCormack/Cosgrove/Black Dfm
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo
Tue 9.30: Tom/Joan Murphy
Wed 8.00: Vigil of Immaculate Conception
Thur 11.00: Immaculate Conception
Fri 8.00: Marian Campbell
Sat 8.00: John Gray, Cloncowley
Sun 11.00: Jimmy & Leonard Forde, Derawley
Ned Walpole & Dermot Cunningham
John Rogers, MM, Derawley

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Brigid/Michael O'Toole, Gaique
Michael/Kathleen Quinn, Aughadowry
Peter Sexton, MM, Kiltycreevagh
Seamus Quinn, Lettergunnell
1.00: Funeral: James McKenna
Thur 7.00: Alice/Joseph Brady, Aughadowry
Sun 10.00: James Reynolds Gaique

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Bridie Mollaghan
Sun: Sr. Kathleen Duffy
Communion Sat: Joe Caldwell
Sun: Ann Davis

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Jamie Conboy
Communion Sun: Bridie Reilly

Offertory Collections

Drumlish €894, Heating €236;
Ballinamuck €390, Heating €75.
Priests Dues €80. Thank you.



- **Bingo** every Tuesday night in 98 Hall at 8.30pm. Extra prizes for Christmas will be given on each page, beginning on 6th Dec. Support appreciated.
- **98 Hall Committee** meeting on Monday, 5th Dec. at 8 p.m. sharp. All members please attend.
- **Monaduff Social Club:** The Christmas party will take place on Saturday 3rd Dec. from 2—6 p.m. People who are coming, please give your name to a committee member.
- **Ballinamuck Community Christmas Party** will be held on Sunday 11th December in the 98 Hall at 2.30pm. All welcome. Anyone wishing to entertain can contact Mary Breslin on 0861777294.
- **St. Christopher's Services** 'Pop Up' Christmas Craft Shop, News Street, Longford (beside TORC Café) from Monday 28th November to Friday 16th December. All items made in Longford.
- **Mohill Computer Training:** QQI Level 5 Computer Applications Full Time. Gain 400 CAO points towards a third level college place next year. Training allowances are payable to eligible participants. For further details and application forms call 071-9632024 or email: john@mct.ie
- **TABLE QUIZ fundraiser:** MWB Autism Support, based in Longford, is hosting a table quiz on Friday 9th December at Begley's Pub in Killoe, starting at 9.30pm. To book a table of 4 or join a team contact Michael Bryson on 087 9877342. Entry is €10/head. MWB is a support group for families in the Midlands, West and Border regions who have children diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder.
- **Pride of Place Awards** – It was a great night at the Gala Awards in Belfast. We didn't win on the night but were honoured to get that far. Well done to Granard that were a runner up in their category. Thanks to everyone for the support & good wishes.
- **Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat**—Newbridge College Co. Kildare from 16th to 18th December for young people aged 16 to 35. Over 600 attending from all over Ireland. For more information or to book a place see www.youth2000.ie, Youth2000 Ireland Facebook page, or Ph. 016753690

Baptism

Aoibhinn Margaret Rabbite d/o David & Heidi, Creelaughta, was baptised and welcomed into the Christian community last weekend.

Safeguarding Message from Bishop Francis, 2016

Advent is a time of preparation for Christmas; it has a special atmosphere of expectation and of looking forward to the events of Bethlehem. During this season many children will participate in nativity plays, carol services and liturgies. I hope they have a very happy and joyful time with their families and friends. I thank our Parish Safeguarding Representatives and our Priests for their very important work in ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable adults in our Church related activities. Their vigilance gives reassurance to all.

I encourage anyone with concerns regarding the safety of children or anyone who suffered in the past to contact our Designated Persons: Sean Leydon (0877431649) or Róisín O'Doherty (087-3327587).

What do you think?

John the Baptist: wild man, big hairy biker of the gospels, living his alternative lifestyle in the wilderness, wearing his homespun garb, surviving on his eco-friendly diet of bugs and locusts. With a drop of honey to sweeten his fare. Unkempt and un-groomed. On the face of it, not exactly the kind of guy we might want our daughters to bring home. The challenging persona of John the Baptist reminds us not to fall into the trap of judging each other on external appearance. No half measures for John. No watering down. Repent for him means metanoia: doing somersaults, turning our lives completely around. In some areas of our lives are we spinning off headlong in the wrong direction? Are some of our attitudes and behaviours holding us back from living peaceably and contentedly in the world. What is it that we need to change in our attitudes and behaviour? Which area of our lives need to be healed? What steps towards healing might we take?

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday is the feast of the Immaculate Conception and is a Church holy. Vigil Mass in Drumlish on Wednesday at 8 p.m. and Mass on Thursday in Drumlish at 11 a.m. and in Ballinamuck at 7 p.m.

Death

Pray for the repose of the soul of James McKenna, Kiltycreevagh whose funeral Mass takes place this Sunday in Ballinamuck at 1 p.m. May he rest in peace

The Advent Candles—

During each Sunday of the Advent season, we focus on one of the four virtues Jesus brings us: Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. Others consider the lighting of the first candle to symbolize expectation, while the second symbolizes hope, the third joy and the fourth purity. The Christ candle is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day reminding Christians that Jesus is the light of the world.



Introduction of Ministry of Parish Catechist and of Permanent Deacons

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✠ Also at the following website: www.vocations.ie

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