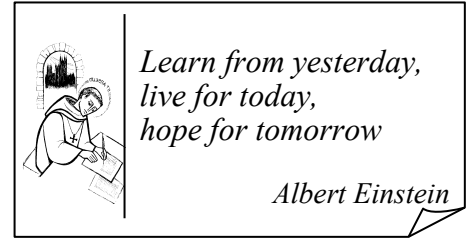


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Holy Mother of God A—1st January 2017

Mass Intentions—St. Mary’s Drumlish

Sun 11.00: Kathleen Lynch MM, late Crowdruman
Michael/Katherine Kane & Dfm
Michael/Eileen King & Dfm
Rita Crowe, Derawley
Mon 9.30: For the people of the Parish
Fri 11.00: Feast of Epiphany
8.00: Feast of Epiphany
Sat 8.00: Anthony Davis, Main St.
Sun 11.00: Mary Mimmagh, Cloonaugh
James/Catherine Keane, Main St

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick’s Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: No Intention
Fri 10.00: James McKenna, MM, Kiltycreevagh
Sun 10.00: Michael/Maisie Kiernan, Lettergunnell

Ministries—St. Mary’s Drumlish

Readers Sat: Darren Quinn
Sun: Kathleen Dunleavy
Communion Sat: Mary Gearty
Sun: Pat Corrigan

Ministries—St. Patrick’s Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Rachel Howe
Communion Sun: Bridie Reilly

Offertory Collections

Drumlish €1836, Ballinamuck €770,
Priests Dues €2949. Thank you for your support.



**HOLY MARY MOTHER OF
GOD PRAY FOR US
SINNERS, NOW AND AT
THE HOUR OF OUR
DEATH AMEN.**



- **Drumlish Senior citizens Christmas party** is on January 8th in the Old Village Inn. 4 o’c starting time. All welcome.
- **98 Hall Committee** would like to inform everyone we now have the facility of a wheelchair accessible toilet.
- **Bingo** will resume this Tuesday 3rd, January. We would like to wish everyone a very happy new year and thank you for your continued support.
- **On behalf of Ballinamuck Defibrillator** scheme thanks to all who supported the annual poker classic in Dillon’s this week.

Christmas Manger Prayer to the Holy Family

In preparing for the World Meeting of Families in Ireland in August 2018, Pope Francis has invited families here in Ireland and across the world to reflect on the event theme, *The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World*, by focusing particularly on his recent Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of Love*. Please take home a prayer card *Prayer to the Holy Family* and pray it with your family. You might also take a copy for family members who might not frequent Church, but who still value the importance of faith, prayer and family spirituality. It also opens the door for you to share your faith in a non threatening way. Prayer leaflets are available at the back of the Church and also alongside the Christmas Crib.

Feast of the Epiphany

Friday next is the feast of the Epiphany and is a Church Holy Day. Masses in Drumlish on Friday at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. and Mass in Ballinamuck at 10 am.

First Friday

Friday is also the first Friday. Due a wedding in Drumlish on Thursday, and the Holy Day on Friday, the sick calls will be deferred to a later date. Please notify those in your area. Thank you.

Christmas Message 2016

Christmas is a time when we gather with family and friends. Family is about connection; we are connected in varying ways to our immediate and wider families. Some of our family members are in far flung corners of the globe; although far away they are close to our hearts. Christmas is also a time when we recall the story of God’s close connection with us, his Son born of Mary in Bethlehem and grew up in a family. The gospel of midnight Mass has this reassuring passage “Do not be afraid, listen I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord”. The connection between us and God is very close, he shared our human life and our family life; he wants each one of us to share his life now and in eternity. Christmas reassures us that God is close to all and especially those who are in need of hope. The news of Jesus is good news; it is news that brings hope. I wish you and your family and your friends a Christmas that is joyful and peaceful because of the birth of Jesus, God among us.
Francis Duffy, Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois

2017 Envelope Boxes



Envelopes for 2017 are now available. We are very grateful to you for your continued generous support. In recent years we have been able to claim significant funds through the Tax Relief

Scheme for Charities. Your use of the envelopes is important for us in the tasks of recording contributions which in turn enables us to claim this Tax Relief. Revenue have broadened the categories of people who can sign declaration forms for this scheme, to include the self employed so more than ever it is beneficial to the parish if you use the envelopes for your contributions. It is also helpful to us if you write the amount of your contribution in the space provided.

“WRITE IT ON YOUR HEART THAT EVERY DAY IS THE BEST DAY IN THE YEAR.”

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

Prayer for Mothers

Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women of theory who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings. Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly. Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children. Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most. Amen.

**An optimist stays up until midnight
to see the new year in.
A pessimist stays up
to make sure the old year leaves.**

Bill Vaughan