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Parish Newsletter Drumlish & Ballinamuck



"Earth's crammed with heaven, but only he who sees, takes off his shoes."

— Elizabeth Barrett Browning

First Sunday of Advent Year B — 3rd December 2017

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8:00: Danny Grimes & Dfm, Drumlish Hill
Alex/Kathleen/Pat Ross
Sun 11:00: Michael/Frs. Joe, Tom, Eddie Burbage
Mon 9:30: For the people of the Parish
Fri 11:00: Immaculate Conception
8:00: Michael/Jack Corr
Sat 8:00: Marian Campbell
Sun 11:00: Pat/Annie Keane, Mary St.

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10:00: Brigid/Michael O'Toole, Gaigue
Fri 7:00: Terry McKenna & Dfm, Kiltycreevagh
Sun 10:00: James McKenna, Kiltycreevagh
Seamus/John Quinn, Lettergunnell

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Darren Quinn & Conf. Class
Sun: First Communion Parents
Communion Sat: Kathleen Gill
Sun: Ann Davis

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: First Communion Parents
Communion Sun: Deirdre Garvy

Money Matters

Drumlish €763, Heating €652, Shrine €2800.
Ballinamuck €425, Heating €200, Shrine €65
Priests November Dues €162. Many thanks.

Charitable Collections

- This weekend in Drumlish/Ballinamuck in respect of the Bishop William O'Higgins Heritage Project.
- Nest weekend St. Vincent de Paul national collection—envelopes may be picked up at back of the Church and donations given in at Church.
- 16th & 17th December: County Longford Social Services which provides meals on wheels, transport to hospitals, clinics and St. Joseph's Care Centre.

UPCOMING Events

- **Ballinamuck Community Annual Christmas Party** will be held on Sunday 10th December in the '98 Hall from 2-6pm. No personal invitations—but all are welcome to come and enjoy a lovely meal, lots of entertainment, have a chat etc. Entertainers willing to give a slot at the party please contact Tom Davis (Chairman) 0876485254 or Bridie Reilly (Secretary) 0863332863. Thanks to who contributed our church gate collection last Sunday—your support is very much appreciated
- **Drumlish Senior Citizens** party is in the Olde Village Inn on Sunday 7th January 2018 at 4pm everyone welcome to attend.
- **Blood Donation Clinic** will be in the Longford Arms on Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday, 5th/6th/7th December from 4.30 pm to 8 p.m. Give blood—you get more than you give.
- **98 Hall Committee AGM** will be held on Monday 4th December in upstairs meeting room at 8 p.m. sharp. All members please attend.
- **Bingo continues every Tuesday** night in 98 hall at 8.30pm.. Extra prizes for Christmas will be given on each page starting on Dec 5th. Support appreciated.
- **Ballinamuck Enhancement:** We have developed a Ballinamuck 2018 Calendar. Calendars on sale for €10 each in Dillon's Bar, The '98 Bar and Village Green shop. Also, by contacting - Aisling Donnelly 086 3663901, Belinda McNally 087 1252240 or any committee member - Siobhan Mulligan, Patsy Brady, Terry McNally, Margaret Dillon, Fiona O'Toole or Marian Carthy. It's a lovely keepsake..
- **ICA:** The December meeting will take place on Monday night at 9pm in the 98 Hall meeting room upstairs. All members please attend.
- **Christmas Lights switch on in Drumlish** at 8.30 pm on Friday next after Vigil Mass.
- **Men's Shed:** A public meeting of the men's shed takes place in Kiernan's former pub/ supermarket tomorrow Monday Dec 4th at 8pm. All men from Drumlish / Ballinamuck are welcome to attend.

Feast of Immaculate Conception



Friday is the feast of the Immaculate Conception and is a special Holy Day. Masses on Friday in Drumlish at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Mass in Ballinamuck at 7 p.m.

Advent

Advent comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. While we regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation. Prayer, penance and fasting are appropriate during this season. Advent is not as strict as Lent, and there are no rules for fasting, but it is meant to be a period of self-preparation. The purple colour associated with Advent is also the colour of penance. The colour of the Third Sunday of Advent is rose. This colour symbolizes joy and represents the happiness we will experience when Jesus comes again.



Death

Pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. John Davis who died recently in Washington, USA. Fr. John was a frequent visitor to Gaigue over the years. May he rest in peace.

Reading at Mass

Beginning this weekend, the young people making their Confirmation will do the Second Reading at Mass and the Prayers of Intercession. The regular readers will continue to do the First Reading and Responsorial Psalm. Parents of the First Communion Class will do both Readings, Prayers of Faithful, gifts and reflection on the dates assigned. Thanks again to our volunteers for your help and cooperation.

Take Time....

Take time to think –
It is the source of power.
Take time to read –
It is the foundation of wisdom.
Take time to play –
It is the secret of staying young.
Take time to be quiet –
It is the opportunity to seek God.
Take time to be aware –
It is the opportunity to help others.
Take time to love and be loved –
It is God's greatest gift.
Take time to laugh –
It is the music of the soul.
Take time to be friendly –
It is the road to happiness.
Take time to dream –
It is what the future is made of.
Take time to pray –
It is the greatest power on earth.

Blessing of Wreath



Father of all Creation and Lord of light, bless our wreath of evergreens and candles. Be close to our family as we come together to celebrate in prayer the coming of Christ. May our hearts and our minds reflect the lights of these candles, so that Christmas will find us joyfully ready to welcome Jesus.