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Parish Newsletter

Drumlish & Ballinamuck



*Advent: the time to listen
for footsteps – you can't
hear footsteps when
you're running yourself.*

Bill McKibben

Second Sunday of Advent Year B —10th December 2017

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Marian Campbell
Sun 11.00: Pat/Annie Keane, Mary St.
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo
Wed 9.30: Lucy/Malachy Kelleher, Greagh
Sat 8.00: Philomena Gray, Hill St.
John Gray, Cloncowley
Sun 11.00: Jimmy/Desmond/Leonard Forde
James/Mary Dunleavy
Fr. Jim Sorohan
Maureen Courtney

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: James McKenna, Kiltycreevagh
Seamus/John Quinn, Lettergunnell
Sun 10.00: Irene Collum, Lettergullion

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Shane Hagan & Conf. Class
Sun: Helena Crowe & Conf. Class
Communion Sat: Mary Gearty
Sun: Brendan Murray

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Amanda Quinn & Conf. Class
Communion Sun: Mary Breslin

Money Matters

Drumlish €770, Heating €230; Ballinamuck €335,
Heating €60. November Dues €170. Many thanks.
St Patricks N.S. Ballinamuck 5th and 6th Class pupils
raised €1,100 at their annual Bake Sale at end of
October this year for local charities. Thanks to all
who supported their enterprise.

Baptism

Anthony John McGowan s/o Oliver & Vanessa,
Derawley was baptised and welcomed into our faith
family last weekend. Congratulations to all.

UPCOMING Events

- ♦ **Ballinamuck Community Annual Christmas Party** will be held this Sunday 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.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **World Meeting of Families 2018:** If you are a resident of Ireland, why not consider volunteering for WMOF2018, either as an individual or as part of a group? No previous volunteering experience is necessary and we have roles for everyone, from logistics to liturgical, from translations to transport, among others. Apply to volunteer at www.worldmeeting2018.ie/Volunteer
- ♦ **Radio Maria Ireland** is an Irish run Catholic Talk-Radio station. Their mission is to help spread the Gospel message of Joy, Hope, and Charity with a mixture of Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting sacred music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies - all commercial free. The station is on air 24/7. Download free by App Radio Maria World Family to your phone or tablet. Also www.radiomaria.ie
- ♦ **Ballinamuck Children's Christmas Party** will be held in the 98 Hall on Sunday 17th December from 3 to 5 pm. Santa will be there with lots of gifts and he is looking forward to meeting the children and the mams & dads. Admission optional.
- ♦ **St Vincents Minor Football Club:** We are looking for more Coaches to join our Coaching Team: We ask underage parents and all interested parties to consider this very worthwhile role to support our young players. Contact: Paul on 083-3046640 or Colin on 086-0761556"

- ♦ **Drumlish Senior Citizens** party is in the Olde Village Inn on Sunday 7th January 2018 at 4pm everyone welcome to attend.
- ♦ **Bingo** continues every Tuesday night in 98 hall at 8.30pm. Extra prizes for Christmas will be given on each page your support would be appreciated

Charitable Collections

- ♦ This 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.

98 Hall

The AGM of the 98 Hall committee took place on Monday the 4th December and the following officers were elected.

Honorary President: John Duffy
Chairman: Enda Mc Kenna
Vice Chairman : Adrian Lennon
Secretary: Rachel Howe
Assistant Secretary: Bridie Reilly
Treasurer : Mary Breslin
Assist. treasurer: Betty Creegan & Michael McNally
Pro: Fiona O Toole.
Any queries regarding booking of hall for meetings, activities etc. please contact Enda 0879980615.

Safeguarding Update

It's important to remind ourselves of the need for constant vigilance regarding good safeguarding practices for children and vulnerable adults. All parish and parish related activities which involve interaction with children and vulnerable adults require proper supervision, adherence to Diocesan Safeguarding Policies and Garda vetting. Diocesan policies and the relevant contact personnel are on the posters in each church and the 98 Hall. Our parish Safeguarding representatives are Siobhan Coppinger, Cloonaugh Up. and Fiona O'Toole, Ballinamuck. Thanks to Kathleen Dunleavy who filled this role previously.

Wedding

Congratulations and best wishes to Andrew Gorman, Fardromin and Sinead Hourican who were married last weekend.

The Voice Crying in the Wilderness

"Behold: The Lamb of God!"
Then my head began to nod.
Yes, looking back, I can see
The boy this man used to be.
He always was a different sort
Though He liked games and every sport.
He was gentle, kind and good
Obeyed His mother, worked with wood.
I saw the Spirit land on Him—
The One God promised Abraham
I shouldn't even tie His shoe
But God sent me to shout to you.
Look! People, can't you see?
Messiah stands in front of me.
This is Him—the Son of God—
Walking here on muddy sod.
Listen! People, can't you hear?
The words He speaks: hold each one dear.
His days are numbered here on earth
You are what His life is worth.
It's not me; it's Him you seek,
This one you'll spit on, say He's weak.
Oh Son of God, my cousin, friend
My life is Yours until the end.

