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# Parish Newsletter Drumlish & Ballinamuck



*When our lives are filled  
with peace, faith and joy,  
people will want to know  
what we have*

David Jeremiah

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete) Year B — 17th December 2017

## Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Philomena Gray, Hill St.  
John Gray, Cloncowley  
Sun 11.00: Jimmy/Desmond/Leonard Forde, Derawly  
James/Mary Dunleavy, Cartron  
Fr. Jim Sorohan, Drumlish/Ballinamuck  
Maureen Courtney, Drumlish Hill  
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo  
Sun 11.00: McCormack/Cosgrove/Black Dfm.  
8.00: Peter Wallace, Church View Drive

## Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Irene Collum, Lettergullion  
Sun 10.00: Babs/Tommy Joe McLoughlin,  
Shanmullagh  
9.00: Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

## Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Rosa Collum & Conf. Class  
Sun: Sr. Kathleen Duffy & Conf. Class  
Communion Sat: Kathleen McNally  
Sun: Sr. Kathleen Duffy

## Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Nuala McLoughlin & Conf. Class  
Communion Sun: Kieran Duffy

## Money Matters

Drumlish €1105, Heating €45; Ballinamuck €300,  
November Dues €80. Many thanks.  
Bishop O'Higgins Heritage Project committee  
thank all who contributed so generously in both  
Drumlish and Ballinamuck - €760 was collected.

## Death

Pray for the repose of the soul of Eddie Breslin, late  
Ballinamuck who died in Birmingham. Funeral takes  
place in Birmingham on Tuesday. Rest in Peace.

**Don't call yourself 'pro-life' if you only value certain lives**

## UPCOMING Events

- **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.
- **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  
St Vincents Minor Football Club Fundraiser in Dillons Mon. 1st Jan. 2018 - music by Nite Fever.
- **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
- **Longford County Choir** present their annual Christmas concert this Sunday, 17th Dec. at 7.30 pm sharp - Soloist is Dromard native, Maria Matthews with special guests the Mulligan Sisters - Tickets obtainable on the door or from any choir member.
- **Gaels United** are holding a Christmas Disco on Friday 22nd December in Drumlish Community Centre from 6-9pm. Santa and other special guests present. Admission €5. Support please. Wishing all our players, managers, families and friends a happy and safe Christmas from all at Gaels United.
- **Drumlish/Ballinamuck Men's Shed** is making steady progress but slight refurbishment needed. Any unwanted furniture/implements suitable for the shed would be welcome. Ph. Breda 087 9181787.

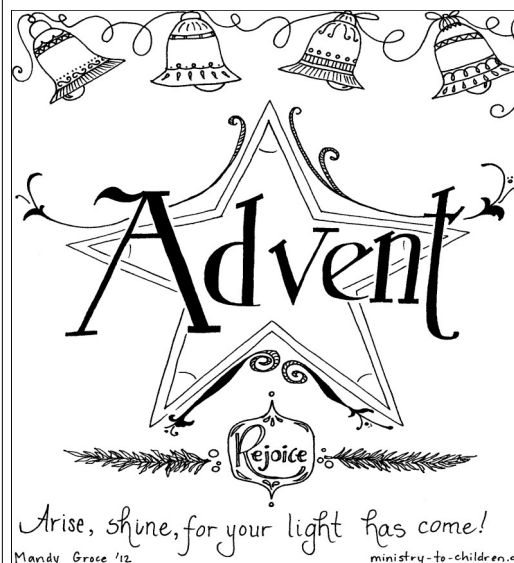
## Envelopes for 2018

- Envelopes for the new year 2018 are now available. Please take your packet and that of your neighbour, if you know that they pray outside the parish.
- Contributing through the envelope system has the extra benefit for the parish because the parish, as a charitable institution, can reclaim tax on your contributions, provided your total for the year reaches €250 or more. The envelope system is necessary for a paper trail as evidence that you have contributed.
- Note your number may change from year to year.
- If you don't find your box, contact Fr. Ber or any member of the Parish Pastoral Council and it will be sorted. Thank you for your continued support.



## Wedding

Congratulations and best wishes to Mairead Kelleher, Greagh who was married to Sean Lennon, Esker last weekend.



## Arrangements for Christmas

- Vigil Mass in Drumlish on Sunday at 8 p.m. and in Ballinamuck at 9 p.m. Masses on Christmas Day (Monday) in Drumlish at 9.30 a.m. and 11 a.m. and Ballinamuck at 10 a.m.
- Confessions for Christmas are as follows and take the form of penitential services with a number of priests attending.  
**Drumlish—Tuesday at 8.00 p.m.**  
**Ennybegs—Wednesday at 8.00 p.m.**  
**Newtownforbes—Thursday at 7.00 p.m.**
- I invite all penitents to come for the short preparation beforehand and wait for the prayer of thanksgiving afterwards. As part of the celebration of the World Meeting of Families 2018 this is a good opportunity to come as a family for reconciliation and healing.

## Advent Safeguarding Message 2017

*As we approach Christmas we remember that Jesus Christ was born into a family; he was a son. He was brought up by Mary and Joseph and by his wider family and local community. Scripture records his connections with family and friends. Mary and Joseph looked after their son; they protected and kept him safe at a time when there were many threats. In our time, as a Church community, we look after and protect our young people and adults at risk. I thank our Parish Safeguarding Representatives and our Priests for their valuable work in ensuring the safety of children and adults at risk in our Church related activities. I encourage anyone with concerns regarding the safety of children or anyone who suffered in the past to contact our Designated Liaison Person, Sean Leydon (087-7431649) or our Deputy Designated Liaison Person, Róisín O'Doherty (087-3327587). [+ Francis Duffy]*