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Parish Newsletter

Drumlish & Ballinamuck



It isn't the size of the gift that matters, but the size of the heart that gives it.

Fourth Sunday of Advent Year B —24th December 2017

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sun 11.00: McCormack/Cosgrove/Black Dfm.
8.00: Peter Wallace, Church View Drive
Mon 9.30: Christmas Day Mass
11.00: John Davis
Tue 9.30: Corrigan & McKenna Dfm
Wed 9.30: Misa Pro Populo
Sun 11.00: Rita Crowe, Derawley

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Babs/Tommy Joe McLoughlin,
9.00: Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
Mon 10.00: Patrick Ginty, Shanmullagh

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.

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Sinead Flynn
Sun: Dolores Kane
Communion Sat: Joe Caldwell
Sun: Mary Gillooley

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Helen McKenna
Communion Sun: Chantel Connell

Money Matters

Drumlish €963, Shrine €275, Heating €59.
Ballinamuck €395. Nov. Dues €243. For Christmas

Baptisms

Ameila Kate Reilly d/o Henry & Inga No 7 Mill Race and Thea Mary Dillon d/o Mark & Karen, 3 Loughan Hill were baptised and welcomed into our faith family last weekend. Best wishes to all concerned

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.
- **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.
- **No Bingo** this Tuesday, but back on Tuesday, 2nd January. 2018. Thanks for your support!
- **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.
- **Community Games:** Parents/Mentors required for the following Community Games events: Draughts, Chess and Soccer-Outdoor. Cut off date for entry is January 8th 2018. Please see Drumlish/Ballinamuck Community Games Facebook page for further information. Anyone wishing to take on role (s) please make contact with Sonia on 087 6248308 before January 8th.
- **Mohill Computer Training:** Our part time Introduction to Computers is starting on Monday 8th January 2017. Next, the QQI Level 5 Design Skills and Digital Fabrication course will begin on Friday 26th January. Ph.071-9632024 (email: info@mct.ie). All our courses are supported by MSLETB. The Centre closed from 21st Dec. to 2nd Jan 2018.
- **Ballinamuck Community Christmas Party** committee thank all who turned out for the annual Christmas Party on Sunday 10th December in the '98 Hall. Thanks to all who gave donations etc, Dial a Chef, Anna B Corrigan, entertainers and those who helped out on the day. If anyone picked up a pair of reading glasses by mistake, contact Tom Davis (0876485254)

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.

Christmas Message 2017

At Christmas we recall the birth of a baby in Bethlehem. A birth that would dramatically change the relationship between God and the human race. We remember that Jesus 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. We think of our own family and we miss those who are not with us. At this time we are mindful of families that are vulnerable because of poverty, homelessness and exile. Next August the World Meeting of Families will take place in Ireland. Dublin was chosen by Pope Francis as the venue to host this important event. It will be a conversation about the value of family life; all are welcome to prepare and to participate. We hope that Pope Francis will be there and I hope that you will be able to come and to celebrate family. I wish you and your family and your friends a Christmas that is joyful and peaceful and full of hope, because of the birth of Jesus, God among us.

*Francis Duffy
Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois*

He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree.

[Roy L. Smith]

Happy Christmas



Christmas Greetings and Good Wishes

Christmas good wishes to all parishioners and those from the neighbouring parishes who pray with us. A special welcome to those who are home on holidays. It's a wonderful time of year as family and friends come together to celebrate and give thanks. On behalf of the priests of the parish, sincere thanks to all who continue to give us their support both materially and spiritually. While our faith continues to be challenged, the celebration of the birth of Jesus, our Saviour, renews our purpose in life and reassures us that we are not alone on this journey. In truth, it is because of our sinfulness and human flaws, that the Father found it necessary to send His Son, Jesus, so that we might be saved, renewed and enabled to live the Gospel more faithfully. While the faith of our people may be wounded and weakened, the Christmas story invites us to continue our journey in hope, not to be afraid and if our hearts are open, the light of Christ will guide us through these difficult and challenging times. May the peace and love of Jesus Christ be upon your homes and in your hearts this Christmas and through 2018 as we prepare for the World Meeting of Families