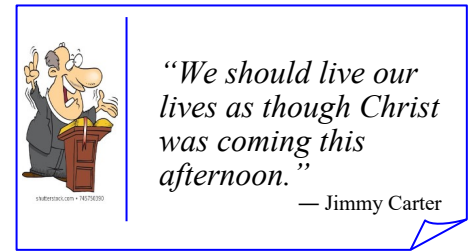


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Second Sunday of Advent Year C— 9th December 2018

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Alex/Kathleen/Pat Ross
Sun 11.00: James/Mary Dunleavy
Frank Courtney, Drumlish Hill
Maureen Courtney, Drumlish Hill
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo
Thur 9.30: Malachy/Lucy Kelleher, Greagh
Sat 8.00: John Gray, Cloncowley
Sun 11.00: Jimmy Forde, Derawley
Desmond/Leonard Forde, Dublin
Fr. Jim Sorohan

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Michael/Kathleen McLoughlin & Dfm
Fri 7.00: Francie/Catherine McKenna & dfm
Sun 10.00: Irene Collum, Lettergullion

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Mary Ross
Sun: Ellie Halpin
Communion Sat: Irene McNally
Sun: Pat Corrigan


Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Coleen Quinn
Communion Sun: Ryan McGee

Money Matters

Drumlish €752, Heating €125;
Ballinamuck €475, Shrine €170; Nov Dues €253.

Clean Up

 On Wednesday, 12th December at 7.30 p.m. there will be a 'big clean up' in Drumlish & Ballinamuck churches. Volunteers are asked to bring dusters, buckets, mops, scrapers and any other implement required for a thorough clean up of our Churches for Christmas. Remember, the state of our churches reflects the faith and commitment of the people who worship there.



- **St. Mary's N.S. Enrolment** forms for Junior Infants for September 2019 can be collected from the office from Monday November 19th. All completed applications must be returned to the school by 12 noon Thursday February 28th 2019.
- **Simplifying Funding Applications:** A 2 day interactive training workshop beginning on Sat. 12th & Sat. 19th January 2019 in the EDI Centre from 9am to 4pm both days. To book a place Contact Longford Community Resources CLG 043-3345555 or Email—leader1420@lclrl.ie (As places are limited, numbers attending per group may be restricted).
- **DB Men's Shed** continues Thursday evening at 8pm. First Christmas social night out Dec 8th in Quinn's. Wood workshop nearing completion. Anyone interested in get involved please contact any members. Football for Men takes place in Drumlish Com Centre Dec 11th 12- 1pm.
- **Bingo** continues every Tuesday night in 98 Hall at 8.30pm. Extra prizes for Christmas will be given on each page starting Tuesday Dec 4th with luxury hamper on 18th. Support please.
- **St. Vincent de Paul** Church gate collection takes place this weekend. .
- **Longford Social Services annual Church Gate Collection** will be held on Sat. 15th and Sun. 16th December. This collection is necessary to provide meals on wheels in our area and provide transport services to and from hospitals, clinics and St. Joseph's Care Centre.
- **St Patrick's NS Ballinamuck School enrolment** for 2019/2020 commences on 12th Dec. 2018. If you wish to enrol your child please contact the school by email: ballinamucknschool@gmail.com or Ph. 043 3324063
- **Drumlish/Ballinamuck Women's Shed** are hosting a Christmas Flower demonstration on Monday the 10th Dec.at 8 p.m. in the Men's Shed. Everybody welcome.
- **ICA:** The December meeting of the Guild will take place on Monday night December 10th at 8.30pm in the '98 Hall. All members please attend.

- **All Ireland Rosary Rally for Faith and Life** is taking place on 1st January 2019, Solemnity of the Mother of God, at 12 noon at Dáil Éireann, Dublin. This is to ask God through Our Lady to increase the Faith in Ireland and to protect the unborn child. To book your place on a bus from Longford: call 086-8775036
- **Ballinamuck Childrens Christmas Party** will be held in 98 Hall on Sunday 16th December from 3 to 5pm. Santa will be there with great gifts for all the children, disco, face painting and lots more fun for all. Admission optional. Looking forward to seeing all families on the day.
- **Drumlish Cemetary Ltd. Annual Christmas Draw:** Lines €2 or €5 for 3 lines on sale in local businesses. Draw on Sunday 16th December at 12 noon in Quinn's Bar. Support greatly appreciated.
- **Drumlish Senior Citizens Christmas Party** is on 6th January 2019 at 4 o'clock in the Village Inn. All are welcome. Thanks to Vintage Club, Gavin Mitchel for generous donations. All donations much appreciated.

Wedding

Congratulations and best wishes to Susan Prunty, Gaigue and Michael Battrim, Abbeylara who were married in Ballinamuck last weekend.



**"A voice cries in the wilderness
prepare the way of the Lord"**

Irish National Bishop's Conference Statement

Reflecting on the current Dáil debate on the abortion bill the bishops said, *"We are dismayed that, for the most part, the voices of those who voted against abortion in May's referendum have been ignored. Even what many people would have deemed to have been very reasonable legislative amendments seeking to provide women with information and to prohibit abortion on the grounds of sex, race or disability, have been rejected. As we stated after our Autumn Meeting, Irish society must have respect for the right of conscientious objection for all healthcare professionals and pharmacists. They cannot be forced either to participate in abortion or to refer patients to others for abortion. Every one of us has a right to life. It is not given to us by the Constitution of Ireland or by any law. We have it 'as of right', whether we are wealthy or poor, healthy or sick. All human beings have it. The direct and intentional taking of human life at any stage is gravely wrong and can never be justified. Women's lives, and the lives of their unborn children, are precious, valued and always deserving of protection. Any law which suggests otherwise would have no moral force. In good conscience it cannot be supported and would have to be resisted. We offer our prayerful solidarity with everyone dedicated to the sanctity and protection of human life at all stages. We ask everyone of goodwill - whether at home, in parish, in school or at work - to continue to choose and to celebrate the preciousness of life."*

