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Drumlish & Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter



"I don't think of all the misery, but of the beauty that still remains."

— Anne Frank

Third Sunday of Advent Year C— 16th December 2018

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: John Gray, Cloncowley
Sun 11.00: Jimmy Forde, Derawley
Desmond/Leonard Forde, Dublin
Fr. Jim Sorohan
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo
Fri 8.00: John Kenny
Sat 8.00: Philomena Gray

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Irene Collum, Lettergullion
Fri 7.00: May Heslin, formerly of the '98
Sun 10.00: Babs/Tommy Joe McLoughlin & dfm

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Drumlish N.S.
Sun: Drumlish N.S.
Communion Sat: Kathleen Gill
Sun: Marian McNally

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Ballinamuck N.S.
Communion Sun: Deirdre Garvey

Money Matters

Drumlish €1598, Heating €126, Shrine €195
Ballinamuck €470; Nov Dues €311. Thank you.

A little Humour!

A little boy wrote the following letter to Santa:

*Dear Santa,
There are three little boys who live at our house.
There is Jeffrey. He is two.
There is David. He is four.
There is Norman. He is seven.
Jeffrey is good some of the time.
David is good some of the time.
Norman is good all of the time.
I am Norman.*



- **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.
- **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.
- **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
- **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 on a bus from Longford: call 086-8775036
- **Ballinamuck Childrens Christmas Party** will be held in 98 Hall this 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.
- **Ballinamuck Community Christmas** party committee thank all who helped, supported and sponsored prizes for their Christmas party.
- **Drumlish Cemetery Ltd. Annual Christmas Draw:** Lines €2 or €5 for 3 lines on sale in local businesses. Draw this Sunday 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 appreciated.
- **Bingo** continues every Tuesday night in 98 Hall at 8.30pm. Extra prizes for Christmas will be given on each page starting with luxury hamper on 18th. Support please.

- **Longford County Choir** Christmas Celebration Concert in St Mel's Cathedral at 7 30 pm this evening, Sun 16th Dec in aid of local charities. The Choir with Musical Director Fintan Farrelly and Soprano Eileen Coyle will perform a selection of new and old Christmas favourites. Tickets €10, family tickets €20 available at the door.
- **Fr Manning Gaels AGM** will be held this Sunday December 16th at 2pm sharp in Monaduff Clubhouse. Everyone welcome. Fr Manning Gaels are hosting their Annual Table Quiz on Friday night December 28th at 9pm in the Mill Bar Drumlish. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Raffle on the night also with great prizes. Table of 4 is €40.00. All support is greatly appreciated.
- **Longford Social Services annual Church Gate Collection** will be held this weekend. 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.
- **Mohill Computer Training** New Level 5 part time Design Skills and Digital Fabrication. This course will start on Friday January 18th and run for one day per week for approx 14 weeks.

Marriage

Congratulations and best wishes to Colin Duffy, Lettergullion & Ciara Mollaghan, Clontumpher who were married in Ennybegs this week.

Christmas Gifts

Some gifts you can give this Christmas are beyond monetary value: mend a quarrel, dismiss suspicion; tell someone, "I love you". Give something away— anonymously. Forgive someone who has treated you wrong. Turn away wrath with a soft answer. Visit someone in a nursing home. Apologise if you were wrong. Be especially kind to someone with whom you work. Give as God gave to you in Christ, without obligation, or announcement, or reservation, or hypocrisy.

[Charles Swindoll]

Confessions for Christmas

Confessions and Penance Service for Christmas will take place this week as follows:

Monday at 7 p.m. Ennybegs
Tuesday at 7 p.m. Newtownforbes
Wednesday at 7 p.m. Drumlish

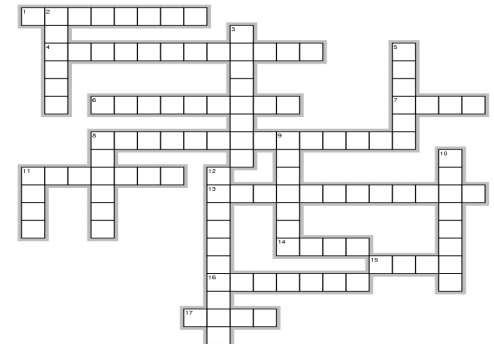
The Advent theme of **'prepare the way of the Lord'** is an invitation to all followers of Christ to recognise that we are all sinners in need of God's mercy and forgiveness.

Deaths

Pray for the souls of Jimmy Reilly, Mary St & Clonellen whose funeral took place today (Sat.). And for Lizzie Scott nee McQuaide, late of Lettergullion whose funeral took place in Canada during the week. May they rest in peace.

Advent Crossword Puzzle

David Bennett, ChurchYear.Net



Across

- Famous saint, who is associated with Christmas, whose feast is celebrated during Advent
- Popular evergreen family devotion used during Advent (2 words)
- Church holiday right after Advent
- "Our _____ of Guadalupe," Catholic feast falling during Advent
- Jesus' cousin who prepared the way for Jesus (3 words)
- Title of Jesus, meaning "anointed one," and the name of an oratorio by Handel
- Church season immediately before Advent (2 words)
- Title of Jesus meaning "master"
- Pinkish color used during the third Sunday of Advent
- "Christ _____," Church holiday celebrated the Sunday before Advent (2 words)

Down

- One of the major Old Testament prophets
- Month when Advent usually begins
- Liturgical color of the Advent season
- Foster-father of Jesus
- What the word "Advent" means
- Advent Hymn: "O come, O come _____"
- Mother of Jesus _____
- "The Immaculate _____," Marian holiday that falls during the Advent season