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# Drumlish & Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter

Feast of the Epiphany Year C— 6th January 2019



**EPIPHANY**



*Don't judge each day  
by the harvest you  
reap but by the seeds  
that you plant.*

- Robert Louis Stevenson

## Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sun 11.00: Catherine/James Kane  
John McCormack, late Cloonaugh  
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo  
Fri 20.00: George Dillon RIP, USA & Mary St  
Sat 20.00: Rose/Willie/Brigid Forde  
Sun 11.00: Anthony Davis

## Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: No Intention  
Sun 10.00: Mary/Michael Flynn

## Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Collette Brennan  
Sun: Helena Crowe  
Communion Sat: Kathleen Gill  
Sun: Sr. Mary Gillooley

## Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Amanda Quinn  
Communion Sun: Chantel Connell

## Money Matters

Offertory €1175, Heating €50;  
Christmas Dues €115. Thank you.



Kings



- **Drumlish Senior Citizens Christmas Party** is on today, 6th January 2019 at 4 o'clock in the Village Inn. All are welcome.
- **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.
- **St Vincent's Minor Football Club - AGM** - this Sunday 6th Jan 2019 at 5pm in Monaduff Club House. All Welcome.
- **St Vincent's Minor Football Club: Information evening on Drugs, Alcohol & Cyber Security** Awareness on Friday Jan 18th 2019 in Monaduff Clubhouse. More details later.
- **Ballinamuck Bingo** resumes on 8th January. The committee thank all for their support during 2018.
- **DB Town Team Meeting** to progress the Town Team for Drumlish & Ballinamuck takes place on Monday next, 7th January at 8.30 p.m in DB Men's Shed. Support from both communities, especially the business sector and younger adults is important.

## Offertory Envelopes for 2019

- Envelopes for the new year 2019 are now available. Please take your packet and that of your neighbour if you know that he/she worship outside our parish.
- By using the envelope system the Parish is able to claim back taxes on your contributions if your total for the year reaches €250 or beyond. This year we received a total of €7630.49 for the years 2016/17. This could easily have doubled if more people used the envelope system. Please give this some thought.
- If your name is missing and you wish to receive envelopes for 2019, please contact Fr. Ber, Adrian Lennon or a member of the Parish Pastoral Council.

## Wedding

Congratulations and best wishes to Sheena Cassidy, Fardromin and Gerard McGowan, Whitehall who were married in St. Patrick's Church on Monday.

## "The Year"

[Ella Wheeler Wilcox]

*What can be said in New Year rhymes,  
That's not been said a thousand times?  
The new years come, the old years go,  
We know we dream, we dream we know.  
We rise up laughing with the light,  
We lie down weeping with the night.  
We hug the world until it stings,  
We curse it then and sigh for wings.  
We live, we love, we woo, we wed,  
We wreath our brides, we sheet our dead.  
We laugh, we weep, we hope, we fear,  
And that's the burden of the year.*

## A Sonnet for Epiphany

*It might have been just someone else's story,  
Some chosen people get a special king.  
We leave them to their own peculiar glory,  
We don't belong, it doesn't mean a thing.  
But when these three arrive they bring us with  
them,  
Gentiles like us, their wisdom might be ours;  
A steady step that finds an inner rhythm,  
A pilgrim's eye that sees beyond the stars.  
They did not know his name but still they sought  
him,  
They came from elsewhere but still they found;  
In temples they found those who sold and bought  
him,  
But in the filthy stable, hallowed ground.  
Their courage gives our questing hearts a voice  
To seek, to find, to worship, to rejoice.*

[Malcolm Guite]



AFTER THE WISE MEN LEFT, THERE CAME THE THREE POLITICALLY CORRECT GUYS

## Feast of Epiphany Reflection

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a saviour. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

## Baptismal Blessing



Next Sunday is the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. I invite all those who had babies baptised during 2018 to come with their child to the Sunday Mass in Ballinamuck or Drumlish next Sunday to give thanks to God for the gift of their child and to join in the blessings of this special feast.