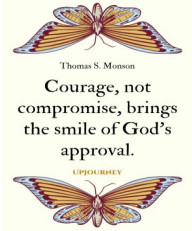


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Thomas S. Monson
"Courage, not compromise, brings the smile of God's approval."
—GORDON

Second Sunday of Advent Year A - 8th December 2019

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8:00: John/Agnes/James/Joseph Kenny
Michael/John/Brigid Cronin
Brady Deceased, Moyne
Sun 11:00: Courtney Deceased, Drumlish Hill
Mon 9:00: Feast of Immaculate Conception
Misa pro Populo
Fri 8:00: Malachy/Lucy Kellegher
Sat 8:00: Danny McGee
John Gray & dfm, Cloncowley
Sun 11:00: Jimmy Forde, Derawley
Desmond/Leonard Forde, Dublin
Fr. Jim Sorohan

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10:00: Michael/Brigid O'Toole
Mon 7:00: Francis/Catherine McKenna &
McKenna/Gorman Deceased
Sun 10:00: Irene Collum, Lettergullion

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Collette Brennan
Sun: Dymrna Davis
Communion Sat: Mary Gearty
Sun: Sr. Kathleen Duffy

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Helen McKenna
Communion Sun: Ryan McGee

Money Matters

Offertory €1137, Dues €85, Heating €283. Thanks to all who continue to support our church each week.



The SVP Annual Church Gate Collection is this Saturday and Sunday 7th and 8th December. Your help can be the difference between a happy or sad Christmas. Please give what you can. Thank you.



- **Ballinamuck Bingo** continues every Tuesday night in 98 Hall at 8.30pm. Extra prizes for Christmas will be given on each page starting Tuesday 3rd Dec with luxury hamper on 17th Dec. Your support would be appreciated.
- **Ballinamuck Community Christmas Party** will be held this Sunday 8th of December, in the 98 Hall from 2-6pm. No personal invitations but all are welcome to join. If anyone requires transport or is willing to entertain please contact Fiona O'Toole (Chairperson) 0876812760 or Martha Bohan (Secretary) 0861248863.
- **Fr Manning Gaels will hold their AGM** on Saturday, 14th of December at 9pm in Monaduff Clubhouse. Everyone welcome.
- **Christmas Celebration Concert by Longford County Choir** takes place in St Mel's Cathedral on Sunday 15th December - tickets can be had locally from choir members and Farrell Coy, Longford
- **Drumlish & Ballinamuck Heritage & History** - The history can now be purchased online <https://www.drumlishheritageandhistorysociety.ie> and shipped to all parts of the world via the website Email: dhhsinfo19@gmail.com

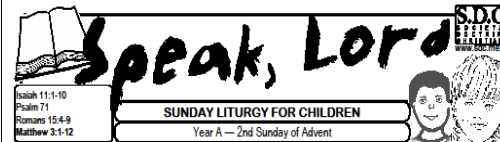
A voice crying in the wilderness



St. Mary's N.S. School Concert



St. Mary's National School Christmas concert will be held in the Community Centre, Drumlish on Thursday next, 12th December at 7pm. All welcome.



- John said "I _____ with water."

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- He went to _____ in the desert.

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- He said, " _____ ", for Jesus is coming.

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- "Jesus will baptise you with the Holy _____".

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- John baptised people in the River _____

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- He said, "Make his paths _____".

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- Many people _____ their sins.

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Advent Safeguarding Message 2019 + Bishop Francis Duffy

Arising from the preparations for our Diocesan Assembly 2020 it is very clear that 'family' is a central concern for people. Advent is a time of preparation to celebrate the beginnings of a special family, 'the Holy Family' of Mary and Joseph and Jesus. Special, as it is the place where the Son of God came among us. Special also, because it is like any other family with its mixtures of joys and sorrows, happiness and burdens. As a local Church we work towards having safe environments for children in our activities. Places where parents can be reassured their children will be safe, treated with respect and valued. Many are involved at parish and diocesan level to maintain these standards. I thank you for your vigilance and your commitment to making our Church as safe as possible for children. 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 (087-7057516).

Offertory Boxes 2020



Because of the new Data Protection regulations it is no longer acceptable to leave the offertory boxes in the Churches for collection. It is now required that these boxes be distributed to households or families. I am now asking for a volunteer from each townland or housing estate to help with the distribution of boxes for the 2020 season. The envelope system is essential in order to avail of the tax reclaim benefits that accrue. Most parishes now rely on volunteers to distribute these packets of envelopes—I trust that the people of Drumlish/Ballinamuck will offer their services too. Contact or text Fr. Ber at 0868213422 if you are willing to help with the distribution of envelopes. Some people have volunteered already, but more are needed. Thank you