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Drumlish & Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter

REJOICE
in the
LORD
ALWAYS.
Philippians 4:4



"You can't shower happiness on others without getting few drops back on yourself."

— Israelmore Ayivor

Third Sunday of Advent Year A - 15th December 2019

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8:00: Danny McGee
John Gray & dfm, Cloncowley
Sun 11:00: Jimmy Forde, Derawley
Desmond/Leonard Forde, Dublin
Fr. Jim Sorohan
Mon 9:30: Misa pro Populo
Sat 8:00: Philomena Gray, Hill St
Sun 11:00: James/Mary Dunleavy

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10:00: Irene Collum, Lettergullion
Sun 10:00: Babs/Tommy Joe McLoughlin

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Theresa Whitney
Sun: Ellie Halpin
Communion Sat: Kathleen McNally
Sun: Mary Gillooley

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Adrian Lennon
Communion Sun: Deirdre Garvey

Money Matters

Offertory €1,088, Dues €22, Heating €115,
Shrine €162. Thanks to all who continue to support
our church each week.



Christmas Penance Service with Confessions will
take place as follows:

- Wednesday, 18th in Drumlish at 7.30 p.m.
 - Thursday, 19th in Newtownforbes at 7.30 p.m.
 - Monday, 23rd in Ennybegs at 7.30 p.m.
- A number of priests will be available and it is the
best opportunity for Confessions.



- **Ballinamuck Bingo** Tuesday night in 98 Hall at 8.30pm. Extra prizes for Christmas will be given on each page with luxury hamper this Tuesday 17th. This will be the last bingo before Christmas—we will return on Tue 7th January. Gift vouchers available. The committee thank you for your support and wish you a happy Christmas.
- **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
- **Fr Manning Gaels Annual Table Quiz** in The Olde Village Inn Friday night 27th of December at 9pm. Table of 4 is €40.00. Prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. A raffle will also be held.
- **Fr Manning Gaels Dinner Dance** will be held in Lough Rynn Hotel on Saturday 18th of Jan. 2020, with presentation of medals to the Intermediate Team and presentations to St Vincent's and St Helens Players. Tickets €35.00 are now on sale until Wednesday 15th of January and can be got from Betty Creegan 0879790996, Seamus Gallagher 0874649633 and Lorraine Corrigan 0864017301. Dinner will be served at 8pm followed with music by Nite Fever. No tickets will be sold on the night.
- **Mohill Computer Training – Courses 2020:** Level 3 course is starting on Monday 20th January 2020. A number of evening courses beginning in February including – Internet Security and Basic Computing, Digital Photography, Sustainable Energy for the Community, Arts, & Crafts. Check out our website or facebook for more details.
- **Santa will be arriving in Ballinamuck Hall** at 3pm until 5pm this Sunday 15th come along for a lovely present and a photo with Santa, face painting, balloon modelling, refreshments for the parents. Admission Optional

- **Drumlish Senior Citizens Party** will take place on the 5th of January at 4pm in the Olde Village Inn. All Seniors welcome.
- **Drumlish Cemetery Ltd. Draw** takes place this Sunday, 15th at 12 noon in the Olde Village Inn

Gaudete (Rejoice)

Because Christmas is almost here
Because dancing fits so well with music
Because inside baby clothes are miracles.
Gaudete (Rejoice)
Because some people love you
Because of chocolate
Because pain does not last forever
Because Santa Claus is coming.
Gaudete (Rejoice)
Because of laughter
Because there really are angels
Because your fingers fit your hands
Because forgiveness is yours for the asking
Because of children
Because of parents.
Gaudete (Rejoice)
Because the blind see.
And the lame walk.
Because lepers are clean
And the deaf hear.
Because the dead will live again
And there is good news for the poor.
Gaudete (Rejoice)
Because of Christmas
Because of Jesus
You rejoice.

"Gaudete," which is the Latin word for
"rejoice," is the Third Sunday in Advent.
Brad Reynolds, S.J



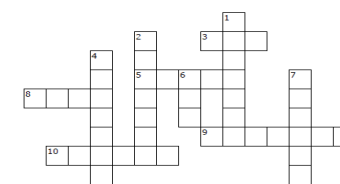
Offertory Boxes 2020



Because of the new Data Protection regulations it is no longer acceptable to leave the offertory boxes in the Churches for collection. 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—some people have volunteered already, but more are needed. Contact or text Fr. Ber at 0868213422 if you are willing to help with the distribution of envelopes. Envelopes are now ready for distribution, but are only issued to those who used them in the past year. If you wish to be on our envelope system, please contact Fr. Ber or a member of the Parish Pastoral Council. Thank you

The Light of the World

There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. John 1:6, 8 (NIV)
Based on John 1:6-8, 19-28 (NIV)



ACROSS

- An adult male human
- A source of illumination, such as a lamp, or a lantern
- The man sent from God to prepare the way for Jesus
- To give evidence based on personal knowledge
- To reply to a question

DOWN

- To immerse in water
- To be convinced that something is true
- To admit that something is true
- The creator of the heavens, earth and its people
- The Messiah, as foretold by the prophets

CHRIST TESTIFY	ANSWER LIGHT	MAN BELIEVE	JOHN CONFESS	BAPTIZE GOD
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"The foolish man seeks happiness in the distance, the wise grows it under his feet." [James Oppenheim]