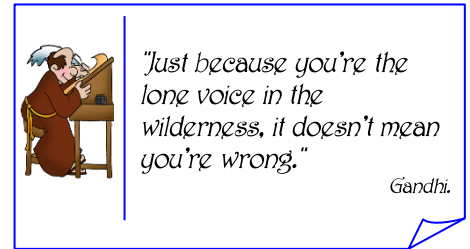


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Second Sunday of Advent Year B - 6th December 2020

### Mass Times & Intentions

#### Drumlish

Sun 11.00: Frank & Maureen Courtney & James Reilly & Courtney/Reilly Dfm  
Mon 10.00: Misa Pro Populo  
8.00: Vigil of Immaculate Conception  
Tue 11.00: Feast of Immaculate Conception  
Sat 8.00: John Gray & dfm, Cloncowley  
Sun 11.00: Jimmy Forde, Derawley  
Desmond/Leonard Forde, Dublin

#### Ballinamuck

Sun 9.30: Michael/Brigid O'Toole  
Terry McKenna & Dfm  
Tue 7.00: Josie/Alice Brady & Dfm

Because of the limited numbers permitted to attend the church at any one time, the weekend Mass will be kept free of bookings—those who wish to book Mass may avail of the weekday Masses. For the present, Friday evening Masses will be shared where demand requires. Existing bookings will be honoured.

**Note: Masses will be streamed on the Parish Webcam as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10 a.m. Friday & Saturday 8 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m.**



Offertory €670, November Dues €575, Heating €150 Shrine €272. Thank you for your continued support, particularly in these difficult times when many of you have your own challenges.

### Offertory Envelopes for 2021

Offertory Envelopes for the year 2021 are now ready and because of data protection restrictions will be distributed as last year. I invite volunteers to help with the distribution please. To help reduce costs, only those who used the 'envelope system' over the past year will receive new boxes this year. However, if you would like to receive an 'offertory box' please contact 0868213422 or any member of the Parish Pastoral Council. Once again sincere thanks to all who continue to contribute and support the parish and its clergy both in human terms and financially.

### Worship in December 2020

A special concession has been made for Places of Worship to reopen for religious services at Level 3, from 1st December, in light of the upcoming Christmas period, to be reviewed in January.

#### Mass:

- The number of people who can gather in any church is governed by the following 2 criteria:
- 2 meter distance must be maintained between each individual/household group.
- The maximum number of people allowed to gather in an indoor setting is 50.
- Worshippers are advised to wear face masks

#### Please also note the following:

- Household group – individuals must be counted to ensure you are not exceeding the maximum number in an indoor setting (50).
- Please be aware that some concerns have been expressed about social distancing as people enter and leave churches; this may necessitate staggering movement in and out.
- Congregating outside the church is discouraged.

#### Funerals, Weddings etc:

- **Funerals and Weddings:** Numbers permitted at funerals and weddings remain at 25.
- **Baptisms:** Baptisms may take place with a maximum of 10 being present. Social distancing & sanitising to be observed.
- **Confessions:** The Sacrament of Penance may take place, in a safe manner, while observing all the sanitising and protection procedures.
- **Choirs** – Guidance from the HSE is awaited. It is expected that choirs will not be allowed and that an instrumentalist and a cantor may perform.

Diocese of Ardagh & Clonmacnois  
3rd December 2020

### Feast of Immaculate Conception

Tuesday is the feast of the Immaculate Conception and is a holy day. Mass for the feast in Drumlish on Monday (Vigil) at 8 p.m. and on Tuesday at 11 a.m. Mass in Ballinamuck on Tuesday at 7.00 p.m.

#### St Patrick's NS Ballinamuck Enrolment

Enrolment for new Junior Infants for September 2021 is now open. Download application forms at our new School website at Ballinamuckns.ie. or contact the School at email ballinamucknschool@gmail.com or 043-3324063.

#### Deaths

Pray for the repose of the souls of Tom Duffy, Lettergullion whose funeral took place this week. Also pray for Brian Massey, Fardromin, chairman of the Mens' Shed who also died during the week. Our prayers and sympathies to their families at this difficult time. May they rest in peace.

#### COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

#### Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

There will be a short meeting held in St. Mary's Church, Drumlish (*enabling social distancing*) on Wednesday, 9th December at 8 p.m. to discuss pastoral concerns in the light of Covid-19

A TIME OF CRISIS IS NOT JUST A TIME OF ANXIETY AND WORRY. IT GIVES A CHANCE, AN OPPORTUNITY, TO CHOOSE WELL OR TO CHOOSE BADLY.  
- DESMOND TUTU -

### The folly of Judging Others!

In his little book Illustrations of Bible Truth, H. A. Ironside pointed out the folly of judging others. He related an incident in the life of a man called Bishop Potter.

"He was sailing for Europe on one of the great transatlantic ocean liners. When he went on board, he found that another passenger was to share the cabin with him. After going to see the accommodations, he came up to the purser's desk and inquired if he could leave his gold watch and other valuables in the ship's safe. He explained that ordinarily he never availed himself of that privilege, but he had been to his cabin and had met the man who was to occupy the other berth. Judging from his appearance, he was afraid that he might not be a very trustworthy person.

The purser accepted the responsibility for the valuables and remarked, 'It's all right, bishop, I'll be very glad to take care of them for you. The other man has been up here and left his for the same reason!'"

#### Another View!

Christ asks for a home in your soul, where he can be at rest with you, where he can talk easily to you, where you and he, alone together, can laugh and be silent and be delighted with one another.

(Caryll Houselander)

