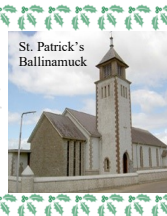


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"For last year's words belong to last year's language, and next year's words await another voice."

— T.S. Eliot

Second Sunday of Christmas - 3rd January 2021

Mass Times & Intentions

Due to the level 5 Covid-19 restrictions there will be no public celebration of Mass for the present. Anniversary Masses which have been booked will be streamed on the Parish Webcam or alternatively may be cancelled or booked for a later date. Because there is no public celebration of Mass, the Sunday Mass may be booked again for streaming until further notice.

Note: Masses will be streamed on the Parish Webcam as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday at 10 a.m. The Church will not be open to the public during those times. Thank you.

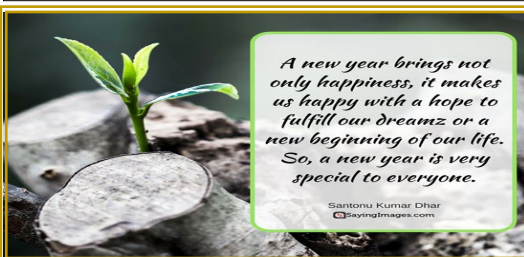
The following anniversaries will be streamed at 10 a.m. in the coming week:

Monday 4th January: Packie/Helen Conlon
Friday 8th January: Maisie/Michael Kiernan
Sunday 10th January: Misa Pro Populo



Christmas Day & Sunday collections Drumlish & Ballinamuck were as follows: Offertory €3885, Christmas Dues €2545, Heating €185, Shrine €285.

Thank you for your continued support over the past year. You should have your new packet of envelopes for the coming year. As a means of cutting costs, only those who used the envelopes last year will receive new ones this year. If you wish to have a packet please contact me at 0868213422 or any member of the pastoral council. Thanks also to those who distributed the envelopes to the various areas.



Happy New Year

2021

Worship from 24th December 2020 until reviewed by Government on 12th January 2020

- With effect from 26th December public worship moves on line. Please ensure that no congregation is present; please keep the doors locked until after Mass. This applies to all Sunday and weekday Masses, Anniversary and Month's Mind Masses. Outside speakers should not be used at this time as organised outdoor gatherings are not allowed at Level 5.

- **Churches** may remain open for private prayer.

- **Sacraments and devotions:** All other ceremonies cease for the duration of Level Five including Baptism and the Sacrament of Penance. Novenas and other devotional practices may take place on line only, with no congregation present.

- **Funerals:** With effect from 24th December up to 10 mourners may attend at a funeral service.

- **Weddings:** Currently, up to 25 guests may attend a wedding in church. With effect from Sunday 3rd January 2021 the number of guests permitted to attend is reduced to 6.

- **Anointing of the Sick and First Friday Calls:**

Anointing of the sick may take place when invited by the family and taking all the necessary precautions of hand sanitising, social distancing, face covering and anointing with a cotton bud. First Friday calls not to take place under Level 5.

- Level 5 details are at: www.gov.ie

Francis Duffy

Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois

A New Year's Wish

"May Light always surround you;
Hope kindle and rebound you.
May your Hurts turn to Healing;
Your Heart embrace Feeling.
May Wounds become Wisdom;
Every Kindness a Prism.
May Laughter infect you;
Your Passion resurrect you.
May Goodness inspire
your Deepest Desires.
Through all that you Reach For,
May your arms Never Tire."
— D. Simone

Looking Forward 2021

As we look back on the year 2020, there are many aspects of it that we would rather forget—the Covid 19, the restrictions, the lockdowns, the suspension of the public celebration of Mass, the curtailing of numbers attending funerals, weddings etc. But that is not the full picture of 2020. The challenges and the restrictions to our freedoms brought to the fore many human and compassionate qualities—doctors, nurses, carers, cleaners, domestic staff etc. all giving of their time, and sometimes their lives, so that the sick might recover; teachers and Boards of Management who gave of their summer holidays so that our schools could be safe places for our children to return; Covid—19 committees in Drumlish & Ballinamuck who responded so generously in preparing posters, ushering those coming to Mass and sanitizing our churches so that we could worship in safety. There were those who did the shopping, carried meals and cared for the locked down. The continuous flow of envelopes through my door—what can I say? These are just some of a list that is endless, where goodness and generosity outshone any of the negatives, and for that we give thanks. Looking forward 2021 will be equally challenging, but with that continued spirit of faith and generosity we will come through, with God's help. I wish you all a peaceful and happy new year. Together, as family, we can do much in 2021.

The Word

Dwelling among us
You dined at our tables
Walked our streets
Danced at our weddings
And drank our wine
Our daily disputes assailed Your ears
Our sorrows, our fears
Became Your companions

How many then
Beheld Your glory?
Passing You by
Casually dismissing The Word
From Whom we draw our breath?
And how few stared into Your eyes
Daring to recognise
The Word become flesh?

Unseen You draw near
To light our darkness
Share our burdens
And carry us on Your shoulders
Yet blindly beholding Your glory
How many invited guests
Still fail to perceive
That Word has become flesh?

And when, beholding at last
The fullness of Your glory,
Even then shall we understand?
Or simply bow in humble reverence
And ask ourselves afresh
"What kind of God is this
Who, being God, would dwell with man?
What mystery is in our midst?
That Eternal Word became mortal flesh?"

Extract: **Bread for the Bride**, Cheryl McGrath