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First Sunday of Advent



Advent: the time to listen for footsteps - you can't hear footsteps when you're running yourself.  
Bill McKibben

First Sunday of Advent Cycle C—28th November 2021

### Mass Times & Intentions

#### Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Mary Gray & dfm, Currabawn  
Sun 11.00: Forde/Corrigan/Duffy Dfm  
Mon 10.00: Misa Pro Populo  
Fri 8.00: Danny Grimes, Drumlish Hill  
John/Agnes/James/Joseph Kenny  
Michael/John/Bridget Cronin  
Sun 11.00: Jim Dolan

#### Ballinamuck

Sun 9.30: Michael/Kathleen McLoughlin & dfm  
Sun 9.30: Michael/Brigid/Seamus O'Toole  
Tom Duffy, Lettergullion  
James/Maryann/Francis/Peter McKenna  
Note: Mass will be celebrated on Fridays in Ballinamuck only when there is an intention

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

### Ministers of the Word & Holy Communion

#### Drumlish

Word of God Sat: Collette Brennan  
Sun: Dolores Kane  
Communion Sat: Kathleen Gill  
Sun: Mary Gillooley

#### Ballinamuck

Word of God Adrian Lennon  
Communion Breege Donnelly



Offertory

Offertory €1088, Priest's Dues €235, Mission Sunday €15, Heating €717.

You can also support our Church by electronic transfer if it is more convenient. Our bank details are as follows:

**Account Name: Drumlish Church**  
**BIC: AIBKIE2D;**  
**IBAN: IE 15 AIBK 9321 4006 6850 07**  
**Please write your box number and your name on your docket when making a transfer. Thank you**

## NOTICES

- **Al Anon meetings** (for relatives and friends of alcoholics) are held in the Family Centre in Longford (at the back of St. Mel's Cathedral) on Tuesday nights at 7.00pm.
- **Mohill Enterprise Centre:** Basic Computers and Digital Security Course – Begins 19th November 2021 and will take place on Fridays (10am – 1pm). This course will run over a period of four weeks. There are 10 places available, so make sure to book your place as soon as possible. Contact us by calling 071 9632024 or email margaret@mct.ie
- **First Friday:** unavailable to do First Friday calls this month. Will arrange for later. Thank you.
- **St. Vincent de Paul** annual church gate collection will take place next weekend. Please support
- **Mechanical Street Sweep** will happen from 8am on Wednesday - to enable a deep clean we request that cars to be parked off street until lunchtime.
- **You are invited to join 9 Day Rosary Novena** for Ireland beginning Tuesday 30th Nov. and ending on Wed. 8th December. People all over Ireland will pray the Rosary together each evening at 9pm.

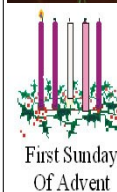
### Advent

This weekend we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the new Liturgical year. Sunday Readings at Mass for the coming year are taken from Cycle C. In the words of Pope Benedict XVI "It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope." The Advent wreath will be blessed and the first Advent candle reflecting the theme HOPE will lit. Advent is a time that calls us to be alert to the signs of the hidden presence of God in our world. Christ came into the world so that sin would have no reign over us. And when he returns again at the end of the world, he will bring all those what follow him into heaven, where only his love reigns supreme and where the effects of sin will be non-existent. As a family check in on our parish web [drumlishparish.ie](http://drumlishparish.ie) and engage with the inter-active Advent Calendar presented by Irish Bishop's Conference.

### The Meaning of the Advent Wreath

The Advent Wreath is a reminder that we are preparing to celebrate the coming of Jesus. The light of the world in darkest winter.

- The Four Candles represent the four Sundays of Advent. During the first week of Advent, we light one candle, on the second Sunday, the second candle etc.
- The Circle like the Wedding ring, is a sign of god's love, which includes all of us.
- The Evergreens point to God's unchanging love, constant in every time and season and mood.
- The Three Purple Candles: Purple is the advent colour for repentance and change of heart in preparation for the coming of Christ into our hearts and lives.
- The Pink or 'Rose' Candle: On the third Sunday of Advent (Rejoicing Sunday), the joy of the forthcoming Christmas event is celebrated.
- The White Candle in the centre is the Christmas candle. This is lit on Christmas Eve to herald the birth of Jesus.



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First Sunday of Advent one of the purple or blue candles, the Candle of "Hope" or "Expectation" is lighted, scripture is read, a devotional may be given, and prayer is offered.

We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15:12-13)

### Keeping Your Guard Up!

- Enter by the front door of the Church & exit by side doors
- Wear Facemask when in Church
- Sanitise your hands as you enter/leave the Church.
- Keep social distancing. Do no crowd at the back of the church—there is usually space towards the front and side aisles.



"Low gluten" communion hosts can now be received in our parish churches. Please indicate your wish to receive a 'low gluten' host by raising your hand as you come to receive.

### The Irish Catholic

Copies of the Irish Catholic are available weekly at St. Mary's Church Drumlish. Thank you for supporting Catholic/Christian newspapers.

### 'Judge not according to the appearance'

Lord, purge our eyes to see  
Within the seed a tree,  
Within the glowing egg a bird,  
Within the shroud a butterfly:

Till taught by such, we see  
Beyond all creatures Thee,  
And hearken for Thy tender word,  
And hear it, 'Fear not: it is I.'

By Christina Rossetti

**Parish Pastoral Council—a short meeting in Drumlish Parish Church Tuesday at 8 p.m.**