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"No one heals himself by wounding another."  
Saint Ambrose



Feast of the Holy Family Cycle C — 26th December 2021

**Mass Times & Intentions**

**Drumlish**

Sat 9.30: Christmas Day  
11.00: John Davis  
Sun 11.00: Kathleen Campbell, MM, Cloonmacart  
Wed 10.00: Jim Sorohan, Mary St Rita Crowe, Derawley  
Sun 11.00: Mary Ellen Corr MM, Kilnashee and Jack & Micheál

**Ballinamuck**

Sun 9.30: St. Stephen's Day

Note: Mass will be celebrated on Fridays in Ballinamuck only when there is a special 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: No Vigil Mass  
Sun: Billy Kelleher  
Communion Sat: No Vigil Mass  
Sun: Mary Gillooley

**Ballinamuck**

Word of God Catherine Carthy  
Communion Breege Donnelly



Offertory

Offertory €880, Heating €35, Dues €1630. You can also support our Church by electronic transfer if it is more convenient. Bank details are :  
**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**

**Drumlish/Ballinamuck Vintage Club**

As a result of the Philip Davis Memorial Tractor Run, a cheque for €600 was donated to the Ataxia Foundation Ireland.

**NOTICES**

**Offertory Boxes 2022**

Offertory Boxes for the year 2022 are now ready but because of data protection regulations they will be distributed as last year. I ask the people who helped last year to do so again this year, please. To help reduce costs, only those who used the 'envelope system' over the past year receive boxes. However, if you would like to receive an 'offertory box' please contact me at 0868213422 or any member of the parish pastoral council. Once again I express my sincere thanks to the many who so generously supported parish and clergy over the past year, not only financially but also in human terms by your prayers, well wishes and human concerns.

**Baptism**

Kyara Robyn O'Neill d/o James & Zara, Monaduff was baptised and welcomed into our faith community last weekend. Congratulations to all concerned.

**Wedding**

Congratulations and best wishes to Maria Duffy & Dean Cosgrove, Lettergullion who were married in St. Patrick's Church Ballinamuck last Saturday.

**Christmas Wishes**

Special good wishes to all Parishioners and to those who join with us in prayer from other parts. May your Christmas be filled with 'Christmas Joy' as we celebrate the birthday of our Saviour Jesus Christ. God pours his love into our lives through his Son Jesus and asks that we approach Him in our prayer with utmost confidence because His love is without end. During these difficult days of lockdowns and restrictions it is important not to lose heart, because in the midst of all that darkness the light of Christ is radiating His love to each of us. I wish you all a happy Christmas and every blessing in 2022.



**Message from Bishop Francis**

Two thousand Christmases have come and gone since the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. There, in the midst of danger, uncertainty and among strangers, the infant Jesus, son of God and son of Mary, took his first breath. We are familiar with the story, the main characters, the events leading up to this birth and the events that followed it. Depending on our experience in life, we each can have our own personal reaction to this coming of God among us, as one of us. This year we face into Christmas with uncertainty about the future. We can look back on a second year when so many people continued to carefully provide services, when our front line workers continued to look out for others, especially those who were isolated and in need of assistance. In writing of Mary and all that happened to her in the lead up to Bethlehem, Saint Luke tells us that Mary, "treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart" (Lk 2: 19). It is an image of Mary in the midst of all the excitement and the danger, calmly recognising that something special was happening to her and to her son.

We often reflect on what we treasure: spouse, partner, children, parents, grandparents, grandchildren and those who are very close to us, they are our treasures because their lives impact on our hearts. Since March 2020, with so much curtailment and threats to livelihoods, many have reflected on what they treasure, what is important to them. Sadly, sometimes our treasure is gone: bereavement can leave us feeling empty and at a loss. We all know the difficult circumstances in which illness and death and bereavement have taken place in recent times. People have risen to the occasion and continue to stand by the roadside and on the streets in silent solidarity with the bereaved. The absence of another treasure, family members who are away, can leave our Christmas celebration a little sad. Technology can help us to keep in touch, and that is important.

Inevitably, as we look at the crib, we think about Jesus in Bethlehem and wonder what this tells us about God and about being human? It has to do with the treasure that God is to us, the treasure that we are


to God and the treasure that we can be to each other. I hope the message of Christmas, that God loves each one of us, will bring us peace and joy and help us treasure what is important. As we give thanks for the baby in Bethlehem, God's gift to us, and the treasure each person is, I wish you and your family and friends every blessing and happiness this Christmas and a peaceful 2022.

+ Francis Duffy  
Administrator



**Keeping Omicron at Bay**

- ♦ 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 inside front door St. Mary's Church Drumlish.