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Tears shed in joy always reflect a smile of the soul.

Donna Schmier

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) Year A —11th December 2022

**Mass Times & Intentions**

**Drumlish**

Sun 11.00: Jimmy Forde, Derawley  
Desmond/Leonard Forde  
McElhone & O'Hara Deceased  
James/Mary/Peggy Dunleavy  
Freda Costello  
Mon 10.00: Misa Pro Populo  
Sun 11.00: Philomena Gray  
Peggy McMahon nee O'Reilly  
Fr. Jim Sorohan  
Courtney Dfm, Drumlish Hill

**Ballinamuck**

Sun 9.30: Irene Collum  
Fri 7.00: John Connell  
Francis/Brigid Corrigan

*Note: Mass streamed Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10 a.m. Friday & Saturday 8 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m.*

**Ministers of the Word & Communion Next Week**

**Drumlish**

Word of God Sat Evelyn Maher & Conf. Class  
Sun Kath. Dunleavy & Conf Class  
Communion Sat Mary Gearty  
Sun Pat Corrigan

**Ballinamuck**

Word of God Sun Kay Culliney & Conf. Class  
Communion Sun Olive Donnelly



Offertory €620, Dues €390, Heating €100, Shrine €420. 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 name on your docket when making a transfer because Box numbers change from year to year. Thank you**

Copies of the **Irish Catholic** are available weekly inside front door St. Mary's Church, Drumlish.

**Upcoming EVENTS**

- **Ballinamuck Community Christmas Party** is on this Sunday 11th Dec. from 2 to 6 in the '98 Hall. All welcome. If attending please contact: Fiona 0876812760, Betty 0879790996, Mary 0861777294
- **Alzheimer Café:** The Longford Alzheimer Cafe, will run on the last Wednesday of every month.
- **St. Mary's National School,** Drumlish admission into the Junior Infants Class of September 2023 are available on school website – www.drumlishns.ie, by emailing the school [drumprincipal@gmail.com](mailto:drumprincipal@gmail.com), by collection or by post. Closing date for enrolment will be Friday 13th January 2023. For further enquiries contact 043 3324065 or email the school.
- **Drumlish Cemetery Committee** are holding their annual Mega Christmas Hamper draw on December 11th. Tickets will be available in local Butchers, Supermarkets and P.O. Please support.
- **Drumlish Senior Citizens Party** will take place on Sunday 8th January at 4 p.m. in the Olde Village Inn. All welcome.
- **English Classes for Our Ukrainian Families** have been running since July in Ballinamuck. With a recent increase in numbers we are looking for more volunteers to join our little team and help with conversation practice. No experience required, Mon & Fri mornings, 10-12 in Dillons. For more info contact Catherine Carthy on 0874433610.
- **Ballinamuck N.S. Christmas plays** are on Thursday 15th for infants, followed by 1st & 2nd and on Friday 16th by 3rd & 4th followed by 5th & 6th. Doors open from 1 p.m. on both days.
- **Fr. Manning Gaels annual table quiz** will be held in the 98 Bar, Ballinamuck on Wednesday 28th December 2022. All proceeds go to St. Vincent's Minor Club. Table of 4 is €40 with prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. All support greatly appreciated.

**Offertory Boxes for 2023 are now available. Due to data protection restrictions, I ask those who distributed boxes last year to help again this year, please. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.**

**Third Sunday of Advent:**

As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will God make justice and praise spring up before all peoples of the earth.

Isaiah 61:11

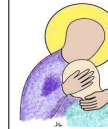
**ADVENT FEATURE**

**GAUDETE SUNDAY**

The Third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete Sunday*, the day when we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath (hence the 'pink candle' Sunday). Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near.

Gaudete means "rejoice". This day reminds us of the joy that is to come, and serves, amid this season of penance, as a kind of 'break' when we recall the hope we have because of the coming of Our Lord Jesus.

**Christmas Confessions**



While aware that Covid is still around, we offer an opportunity to those who would like to go to Confession for Christmas. Penance Services with communal preparation and individual absolution will be held as follows:

Monday 19th at 7 p.m. Ennybegs  
Tuesday 20th at 7 p.m. Newtownforbes  
Wednesday 21 at 7 p.m. Drumlish.  
A number of Confessors will be present.

**Thinking Happiness**

Poet: Robert E Farley

Think of the things that make you happy,  
Not the things that make you sad;  
Think of the kind and true in mankind,  
Not its sordid side and bad;  
Think of the blessings that surround you,  
Not the ones that are denied;  
Think of the virtues of your friendships,  
Not the weak and faulty side;

Think of the gains you've made in business,  
Not the losses you've incurred;  
Think of the good of you that's spoken,  
Not some cruel, hostile word;  
Think of the days of health and pleasure,  
Not the days of woe and pain;  
Think of the days alive with sunshine,  
Not the dismal days of rain;

Think of the hopes that lie before you,  
Not the waste that lies behind you;  
Think of the treasures you have gathered,  
Not the ones you've failed to find;  
Think of the service you may render,  
Not of serving self alone;  
Think of the happiness of others  
And in this you'll find your own.