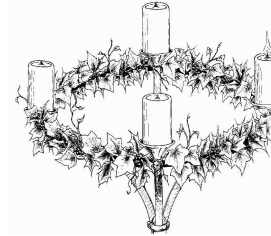


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Live so that the preacher can tell the truth at your funeral

K. Beckstrom

2nd Sunday of Advent (C) 9th December 2012

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's

Sat 8.00: John/Brigid Carolan & Ann Field
Sun 11.00: Jack/Micheál Corr, Kilnashee
Thur 9.30: Lucy Kelleher, Greagh
Fri 8.00: Brian Joe Campbell, Cloonaugh
Sat 8.00: John Gray, Cloncowley
Sun 11.00: Jimmy Forde, Derawley

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's

Sun 10.00: Michael/Kathleen Quinn & Dfm
James Reynolds
Wed 7.30: Francis/Kathy McKenna, Fardromin
& Gorman/McKenna Dfm
Sun 10.00: Marilyn McDermott

* Note : Friday evening Mass in Ballinamuck will be followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions.

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Declan Mimmagh
Sun: Elizabeth Devlin
Eucharist Sat: Kathleen Gill
Sun: Pat Corrigan

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Helen McKenna
Eucharist Sun: Mary Breslin

Offertory Collection

Drumlish:  582; Ballinamuck  707

Offertory Envelopes 2012-2013

New envelopes are now in operation   please take your packet today. If your name is missing and you would like a packet, contact Fr. Ber, Fr. Patsy or any member of the Pastoral council. Thank you

Upcoming Events in Ballinamuck

☉**Ballinamuck Christmas Party** takes place in the 98 Memorial Hall, this Sunday, 9th December at 2pm, finishing at 6.30pm.

☉**Children's Christmas Party** will be held on Sunday 16th December in the  8 Hall, Ballinamuck from 3pm to 5pm. Entertainment on the day to include - disco, faces painting, balloon modelling, treats and refreshments. Visit Santa's Grotto   for photo and present. Admission optional   children must be accompanied by an adult.

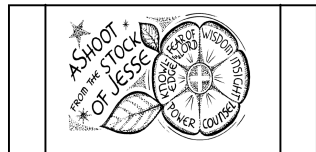
☉**Bingo** continues every Tuesday night in the  98 Hall Ballinamuck with a weekly prize fund of  1300. On Tues 11th, and 18th Dec there are extra prizes on each page for the Christmas, also on the 18th there is an extra prize of a hamper with the raffle. There will be a bonus raffle for a Saorview television and a special visitor from the North Pole. So come along and support.

Baptisms

Emily Ann Kane d/o Frank & Theresa, Barraghmore and Dylan Thomas Garvey s/o John & Deirdre, Aughadowery were baptised and welcomed into the faith family of the parish last weekend.

Monaduff Social Club

A committee meeting will be held on Monday 10th December at 8 p.m. The next get-together, the Christmas Party, will take place in Monaduff on Saturday 15th December from 2  6 p.m.



St. Christopher's Services 'Pop Up' Christmas Craft Shop

This will take place in the Longford Shopping Centre from Monday 10th to Thursday 20th December. Great opportunity to get your ideal Christmas gift. All items made in Longford -Pop Up Shop instead of Craft Fair.

Bishop's Statement on Abortion Debate

A society that believes the right to life is the most fundamental of all rights cannot ignore the fact that abortion is first and foremost a moral issue. As a society we have a particular responsibility to ensure this right is upheld on behalf of those who are defenceless, voiceless or vulnerable. This includes our duty as a society to defend and promote the equal right to life of a pregnant mother and the innocent and defenceless child in her womb when the life of either of these persons is at risk. By virtue of their common humanity the life of a mother and her unborn baby are both sacred. They have an equal right to life. The Catholic Church has never taught that the life of a child in the womb should be preferred to that of a mother. Where a seriously ill pregnant woman needs medical treatment which may put the life of her baby at risk, such treatments are morally permissible provided every effort has been made to save the life of both the mother and her baby. Abortion, understood as the direct and intentional destruction of an unborn baby, is gravely immoral in all circumstances. This is different from medical treatments which do not directly and intentionally seek to end the life of the unborn baby. (Extract. Full statement can be found on the parish website or on www.catholicbishops.ie/)

Drumlish Senior Citizens Party

Senior Citizens Party will take place on the 6th January at 4 p.m. In the Old Village Inn. All are welcome.

WHY GO TO MASS?

When you were baptised you became a member of God's family and we call that the Church. You might think the church is just a building but the Church is also the name we give to the people who gather in the building. Without the people, the Church would be just another building. One of the most important things we do as part of God's family is go to Mass.



Longford County Choir

Longford County Choir Christmas Celebration Concert with soloist Emer Barry and orchestra takes place on Sunday 16th December at 7pm at the St. Mel Cathedral Centre in grounds of St. Mel's College, Longford. Tickets available locally from Folk choir members or at the door on the evening.

County Longford Social Services

The annual church gate collection for County Longford Social Services will be taken up next weekend   15th & 16th December. Your support also helps the local community here.

Mixed Blessings!

*A jobless man returned home one day and found his wife depressed.
"Cheer up," he said, "the tide has turned. I got a job as a night watchman."
"Puh! If that isn't aggravating. I've just finished making you a couple of new night shirts."*