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Drumlish & Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter



*If you don't get
everything you want,
think of the things you
don't get that you don't
want*

Oscar Wilde

3rd Sunday of Advent (C) ☉ 16th December 2012

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's

Sat 8.00: John Gray, Cloncowley
Sun 11.00: Jimmy Forde, Derawley
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo
Fri 8.00: Margaret/John Quinn, Greagh
Sat 8.00: Philomena Davis
Sun 11.00: McCormack/Cosgrove/Black Dfm

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's

Sun 10.00: Marilyn McDermott
Fri 7.30: Connaughton Dfm
Sun 10.00: Babs/Tommy Joe McLoughlin

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

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Sheila Mimmagh
Sun: Orla Devlin
Eucharist Sat: Mary Gearty
Sun: Ann B. Corrigan

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Adrian Lennon
Eucharist Sun: Kieran Duffy

Offertory Collection

Drumlish: p1,361; Ballinamuck p555

Longford County Choir

Longford County Choir Christmas Celebration Concert with soloist Emer Barry and orchestra takes place this 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.

Baptisms

Cillian Anthony Davis s/o Oliver & Sonia, Greagh was baptised and welcomed into the faith family of our parish last weekend.

Confessions for Christmas

The following are the arrangements for the Christmas Confessions at which a number of priests will be hearing:

† Monday 17th Dec: Ennybegs 8 p.m.
† Tuesday 18th Dec: Newtownforbes 7.30 p.m.
† Wednesday 19th Dec: Drumlish 7.30 p.m.

Penitents are asked to come on time for the communal preparation which is a part of the overall penance service. Penitents then come forward to confess a sin and be absolved. Please wait on for the final prayers of thanksgiving as this too is part of the sacramental celebration.

Upcoming Events in Ballinamuck

☉**Children's Christmas Party** will be held this Sunday 16th December in the 098 Hall, Ballinamuck from 3pm to 5pm. Entertainment on the day to include - disco, faces painting, balloon modelling, treats and refreshments. Visit Santa's Grotto 6 for photo and present. Admission optional 6 children must be accompanied by an adult.

☉**Bingo** continues every Tuesday night in the 098 Hall Ballinamuck with a weekly prize fund of £1300. On Tues 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.

☉**Ballinamuck National School** will have their Christmas Variety Show on Wednesday 19th December at 6.30pm in 0986 Hall. All are welcome to attend.



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.

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.

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.

Offertory Envelopes 2012-2013

There are still a number of uncollected envelopes 6 check if yours is there. As some people attend Mass outside the Parish, I ask their neighbours to bring their packet. Please use the envelopes provided for your donations. To do so allows us to acknowledge your contribution and also facilitates the Tax Relief Scheme, through which we are able to make a significant claim each year. Therefore in using the envelopes, you can help the parish gain extra resources! Thank your support and cooperation.

WHAT DO WE DO AT MASS?

There is a special name for all the people gathered together for Mass. They are called the Assembly. Everyone in the Assembly helps to make the Mass a celebration of God's love for us by:

- Joining in the prayers
- Standing, kneeling and sitting at the right times
- Singing
- Listening carefully
- Offering our gifts to be shared
- Coming to the table to receive communion or a blessing.

In other words, we are all part of the action! In Church language this is called '**full, active and conscious participation**'.



Ten Rules for Happier Living

1. Give something away (no strings attached)
2. Do a kindness (and forget it)
3. Spend a few minutes with the aged (their experience is a priceless guidance)
4. Look intently into the face of a baby (and marvel)
5. Laugh often (it's life's lubricant)
6. Give thanks (a thousand times a day is not enough)
7. Pray (or you will lose the way)
8. Work (with vim and vigour)
9. Plan as though you'll live forever (because you will)
10. Live as though you'll die tomorrow (because you will on some tomorrow)

Rejoice!