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"You can cut all the flowers
but you cannot keep Spring
from coming."
— Pablo Neruda



First Sunday of Advent — 1st December 2024

Mass Intentions

Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Mary Powell, Cloonaugh Lr
Peter/Brigid Mimmagh, Kilmnashee
John Gray & Dfm, Cloncowley
Sun 11.00: Patrick Joseph (Sonny) Sorohan & Dfm
Clonohill
Ethna Burbage, MM, Church View Dr.
Fri 8.00: John/Agnes/James/Joseph Kenny
Michael/John/Brigid Cronin & Dfm
Danny Grimes & Dfm
Sat 8.00: Mary Ellen/Jack/Michael Corr
Kathleen Kane, Month's Memory
Sun 11.00: Barry Young, Month's Memory
James/Mary/Peggy Dunleavy

Ballinamuck

Sun 9.30: Michael/Brigid O'Toole & Dfm
Tom Duffy
Fri 7.00: Francie/Kathleen McKenna & Dfm

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

Ministries for Next Sunday

Drumlish

Word of God Sat Aaron Smith & Conf Cl
Sun Dympna Davis & Conf Cl.
Communion Sat Kathleen McNally
Sun Sr. Kathleen Duffy

Ballinamuck

Word of God Sun Helen McKenna & Conf Cl.
Communion Sun David Collum



Offertory €1337, Dues €234, Heating €369, Shrine €350. You can also support using electronic transfer if it is more convenient. Bank details are:

Account Name: Drumlish Church
BIC: AIBKIE2D;
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- ♦ **Ballinamuck community Christmas party** will take place on Sunday 15th December from 2 - 6 pm. Everyone welcome. The committee wish to thank all who supported their church gate collection last Sunday
- ♦ **Santa Grotto and Drumlish Christmas Markets.** Gaels United invite you to come see Santa and visit our Christmas Markets December 7th & 8th in the garden at Mill Bar Drumlish - Entrance from the main road. Gifts and lots of activities for every child! To book go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/santa-grotto-drumlish-tickets-1029004820117> or to book a stall please contact 0851249528.
- ♦ **Join Mary Gillooley for floral display fundraiser** in aid of Fr. Manning Gaels Oskar Night, in the Women's Shed on Monday 2nd Dec at 7.30 p.m. Adm. €10. Raffle tickets and flower arrangements will be on sale on the night.
- ♦ **First Friday** calls will take place this week on Thursday and Friday at the usual times.
- ♦ **United Hearts**, First Friday/Saturday, all night reparation vigil is on December 6/7th. in the Chapel of Our Lady's Manor, Edgeworthstown, with confessions at 9 pm on Friday, followed by Holy Mass. Concludes on Saturday with Benediction and Mass at 5 am .
- ♦ **Ballinamuck Christmas Lights** switch on by special guest Friday evening December 6th at 7.30pm, St. Patrick's NS children joining us singing Christmas songs.
- ♦ **Gunner Magee Players** 1st production on 7th & 8th Dec. in 98 Memorial Hall. Please text 089-9614656 with your name and number of tickets required to book your place. Adm. €10.
- ♦ **Monaduff Social Club Christmas Party** is on Saturday 7th December from 2-6pm in Monaduff.
- ♦ **Longford County Choir Christmas Celebration** Concert with Soloist Eimear Reynolds and St. Mel's Children's Choir in St Mel's Cathedral on Sunday 15th December at 8:00pm. Tickets €10/Family Ticket €20 on Eventbrite /Local Venues /Choir members. Proceeds to Cian's Kennels.

- ♦ **Pakie and Mark Duffy are hosting a 5K Family Fun Run/Walk** as part of the Oskars event to raise money for upcoming Fr. Manning Gaels development at Monaduff. Race starts at 98 Hall, next Sunday 8th December at 12.30.
- ♦ **Ballinamuck Bingo** committee thank all who joined in the 40th Celebratory Bingo on Tuesday. Bingo continues every Tuesday night at 8.30 p.m. with special Christmas prizes running to 17th December.

Deaths

Pray for the repose of the souls Jimmy Breslin, Ballinamuck whose funeral took place this week; also for John Bohan, late Cloonaugh who died in the USA last week. We extend our prayers and condolences to their families at this sad time. May they rest in peace.

Baptism

Shay Conor Cransfield s/o Conor & Aoife, Cloone Road was baptised and welcomed into our faith family last weekend. We congratulate them and wish them many blessings.



Advent wreaths are circular, representing God's infinite love, and are usually made of evergreen leaves, which "represent the hope of eternal life brought by Jesus Christ". The four candles of the Advent wreath symbolize the Christian concepts of hope, peace, joy and love, with these candles being lit subsequently throughout each week of the Advent season. Many Advent wreaths also have a white candle in the centre, known as the 'Christ candle', to symbolize the arrival of Christmastide. Other meanings name the first candle as the Messiah or Prophecy candle (representing the Jewish prophets who predicted the coming of Jesus), the second is the Bethlehem candle (representing the journey of Joseph and Mary), the third represents the shepherds and their joy, and the fourth is the Angel's candle, representing peace.

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

Advent

This Sunday we begin the new Liturgical Year with the blessing and lighting of our Advent Wreath. We are so bombarded with the commercial side of Christmas that often we forget the central message of Christmas i.e. the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ who took on our human nature so that we might be saved and freed from sin. Advent gives us an opportunity to reflect and put our relationship with Jesus Christ on a more solid footing.
Jubilee Year 2025—Pope Francis has proclaimed 2025 to be a Jubilee or Holy Year
The Holy Father writes: For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God's word helps us to find reasons for that hope. St Paul says 'Hope does not disappoint' Rom 5:5. The theme is "**Pilgrims of Hope**", and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis.

Christ Is Coming Again

At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Luke 21:27 (NIV)
Words are taken from Luke 21:25-36 (NIV).



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H D A T O E E E C Y J P T F T
F J F T K W V S A A H L A N W
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L F B D W O A T Y A E E D V E
I R S S H Y N Q C S P N F K A
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D M L S E I L R U Y R H L D H
Q P O S I G N S M F U S S T N
G T U I P D R G Q Z P F R O S
B I D P O W E R S Z D A O T X
W O Q G R H E A D S E M W N V
G N L P R A Y G Q J A Z J U E

careful	glory	moon	redemption	stars
cloud	heads	nations	sea	sun
earth	heaven	power	signs	watch
escape	lift	pray	stand	world