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# Drumlish & Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter





"It is often in the darkest skies that we see the brightest stars."

— Richard Evans



Second Sunday of Advent — 8th December 2024

#### **Mass Intentions**

#### Drumlish

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

Mon10.00: Misa Pro Populo

Tue 10.00: Anthony/Bernadette/Peter Boland

8.00: Marian Campbell & Dfm, Cloonaugh

8.00: Philomena Grav

Sun 11.00: Jimmy/Desmond/Leonard Forde

Courtney/McCann/Reilly Dfm

#### **Ballinamuck**

Sun 9.30: Private Intention

Fri 7.00: Seamus Quinn, Lettergunnell

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 Theresa Whitney & Conf Cl

Sun Elizabeth Devlin & Conf Cl.

Communion Sat Terry Cooney

Sun Derek McKeon

#### Ballinamuck

Sun Adrian Lennon & Conf Cl. Word of God

Sun Mary McKenna Communion



Offertory €1271, Dues €104, Heating €135. You can also support using 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 for your support.

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



- Ballinamuck community Christmas party will take place next Sunday 15th December from 2 - 6 pm. Everyone welcome.
- 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.
- 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, this Sunday 8th December at 12.30.
- Ballinamuck Bingo continues every Tuesday night at 8.30 p.m. with special Christmas prizes running to 17th December.
- The Marian Movement of Priest Regional Cenacle on Wed. 11th Dec. in our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Rooskey beginning at 7 p.m. with Rosary, Confessions & Holy Hour. Mass at 8 p.m. All welcome.
- The Longford Meals on Wheels Church Gate collection takes place on 14th/15th December.
- Feast of the Immaculate Conception (8th Dec.) which is this Sunday will be transferred this year and will be celebrated on Monday at 10 a.m. It is not an obligatory feast this year.

#### Deaths

Pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Keane, Main St. whose funeral took place this week. We extend our prayers and sympathy to her family. May she rest in

"One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world." — Malala Yousafzai

#### Collection Boxes



The Boxes for the various collections for the coming year are now available for distribution. Can I ask those who did the distribution

last year please collect for your area as early as possible. Thanks to the volunteers who do this work. If you don't receive a Box but wish to be a contributor, please contact Fr. Ber. I thank all who contribute so generously, but am saddened by the large number of families who 'use the church' for baptisms, sacraments, funerals etc. but make no contribution. Think about it 2025!!!

### The Jubilee Prayer 2025

Father in heaven. may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanguished, your glory will shine eternally.

> May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a vearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

# The Holy Door Opens Jubilee 2025



Though the first Holy Year took place in 1300, it was not until 1423 records the opening and closing of the Holy Door, in the Basilica of St. John Lateran. It has become the great sign of the Jubilee Year, beginning at St. Peter's since 1500

and then, the other major basilicas in Rome, St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major and S. Paul Outside-the-Walls. The door became a wall, from 1500 to 1975. with the Pope using a hammer and trowel; now, a door that the Pope simply pushes. As pilgrims of hope may we go through the Holy Door, in St. Peter's or elsewhere, near or far, real or imaginary and enter Jubilee 2025 and experience grace and peace.



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