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## Drumlish & Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter



If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours

Dolly Parton



Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) — 15th December 2024

### Mass Intentions

#### Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Philomena Gray  
Sun 11.00: Jimmy/Desmond/Leonard Forde  
Courtney/McCann/Reilly Dfm  
Mon 10.00: Misa Pro Populo  
Sat 8.00: Kathleen Kane, Month's Memory  
Sun 11.00: Fr. Jim Sorohan  
Johnny Cooney, Month's Memory  
Michael Molloy

#### Ballinamuck

Sun 9.30: Private Intention  
Fri 7.00: John Connell  
Brigid Corrigan  
Sun 9.30: Irene Collum

*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 Ria Nertney & Conf Cl  
Sun Orla Devlin & Conf Cl.  
Communion Sat Romie Wallace  
Sun Bibi Revtakova

#### Ballinamuck

Word of God Sun Kay Culliney & Conf Cl.  
Communion Sun Kieran Duffy



Offertory €1185, Dues €30, Heating €100,  
Gift €100. 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 this Sunday 15th Dec. from 2 - 6 pm.
- ♦ **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. Proceeds to Cian's Kennels.
- ♦ **Ballinamuck Bingo** continues every Tuesday night at 8.30 p.m. with special Christmas prizes running to 17th December.
- ♦ **Drumlish Senior Citizens Party** takes place on Sunday 12th January in the Olde Village Inn at 4pm

### Baptisms

Jack James Halligan s/o Gerard & Helena, Cloonmacart and Laoise Philomena Gray d/o Aiden & Fiona, Drumlish Hill were baptised and welcomed into our faith family last weekend. Congratulations to both families and wishing them many blessings.

### Confessions for Christmas

There will be a Penitential Service with individual confessions in our Cluster of Parishes as follows:

Monday—Ennybegs 7 p.m.  
Tuesday—Newtownforbes 7 p.m.  
Wednesday—Drumlish 7 p.m.

This is a good opportunity to start our Jubilee Year as Pilgrims of Hope, acknowledging our human failings but always with the hope and confidence that our God of Mercy will continue to guide us on this pilgrimage.

### Parish Christmas Carol Service

The children from both schools in the parish, in conjunction with the Parish Pastoral Council, are hosting a Christmas Carol Service on Thursday next at 7 p.m. in St. Mary's Church Drumlish. It's a parish event and should be supported by the whole parish. These young people are a credit to both school and parish and deserve our appreciation.

### 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. Thank you again for your generous support .

### St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal



Christmas time can be a very difficult time for some individuals and families. St. Vincent de Paul make their Christmas appeal, aware of pitfalls that some families encounter, but also aware and grateful of your generosity. If you would like to support Vincent de Paul please use one of the envelopes provided at the back of the Church and send directly to SVD or hand them in at Mass time to Parochial House, Drumlish.

You are Invited



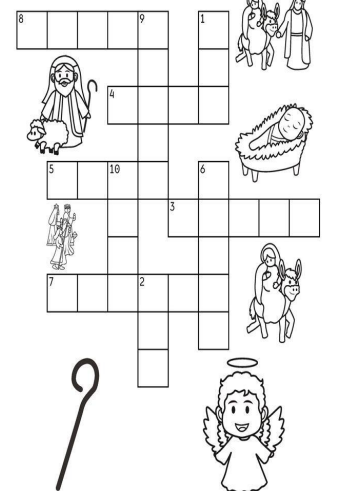
### Advent Crossword Puzzle

Find the correct answers to the clues and fill them into the crossword puzzle.



### DOWN

- Happy feeling during Christmas
- A place to sleep when you travel, mentioned in the Christmas story
- When you celebrate your child's very first day
- No fighting, only calmness
- What you see twinkling in the night sky



### ACROSS

- This book tells the story of Jesus Christ's birth
- Jesus's mother's name
- The \_\_\_\_\_ men followed the star to baby Jesus.
- Mary and Joseph's baby boy
- A fluffy animal found in the nativity story