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Drumlish & Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter





"A repentant heart is a dwelling place for God's spirit."

- Unknown



Second Sunday of Advent Year A — 7th December 2025

Mass Intentions

Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Marian Campbell

Danny Grimes

Rosaleen Cullen Month's Memory

Sun 11.00: Mary Ellen Corr

McCormack/Cosgrove/Black Dfm

Terence Reynolds

Mon11.00: Feast of Immaculate Conception

Fri 8.00: Maureen Courtney (10th Anniv) Courtney/McCann/Reilly Dfm

Sat 8.00: McNally/Murphy Dfm

David Greene, Month's Memory

Sun 11.00: Jimmy/Desmond/Leonard Forde

Philomena Gray Fr. Jim Sorohan

James/Mary/Peggy Dunleavy

Ballinamuck

Sun 9.30: Tom Duffy & Dfm

Mon 7.00: Feast of Immaculate Conception

Fri 7.00: Terry McKenna

Ministries for Next Weekend

Drumlish

Word of God Sat Niamh Maher & Conf

Sun Helena Crowe & Conf

Communion Sat Kathleen Gill

Sun Mary Gilloolev

Ballinamuck

Word of God Sun Emma Clancy & Conf.

Communion Sun Kieran Duffy

Offertory/Dues Boxes 2026



The Boxes for the various collections for the coming year 2026 are now available for distribution. I ask those who did the distribution last year to please collect for your area as early as possible; thank you for doing this work. If you don't

receive a box by the new year but wish to support the parish and priests, please contact Fr. Ber. Thank you again for your continued generosity.

Opaning EVENTS

- Gunner Magee Players 2nd production on 6th and 7th December in the '98 Hall. Text 0899433100 with your name and number of tickets required. €10 payable on the night.
- Drumlish Christmas Lights: Thanks to all who contributed to our recent Church Gate Collection. Turning on of the lights will take place this Sunday 7th December with a Carol Service in the Church at 5pm followed by the official switch on of the new lights at 5.30pm. This is followed by Santa's arrival with treats. If you would like to donate to our ongoing fundraising our bank details are IBAN: IE58MURU99100214330400 BIC MURUIE21XXX. We appreciate your continued support and hope you have wonderful Christmas.
- Ballinamuck ICA December meeting of the Guild will take place on Monday night 8th December at 8pm. All members please attend.
- The 35th Annual Samaritan Christmas Concert takes place on Thursday 11th Dec in SS Peter and Paul's Church, Athlone, at 8pm, featuring the Army Band of the 2nd Brigade, Tenor Paul Linehan, Athlone A Cappella Choir and Athlone Pipe Band. Tickets: €20 Mulligans Roscommon Rd. Athlone. The Samaritans available 24hrs on freecall 116 123 for anyone who is lonely, troubled or needs to talk.
- Ballinamuck Community Xmas party is on Sunday 14th Dec. from 2—6 p.m. Everyone welcome. The committee thank all who supported their church gate collection last Sunday.
- Ballinamuck Bingo continues every Tuesday night at 8.30 p.m. in the 98 Hall. Christmas prizes starting this Tuesday 2nd December running until 16th December.
- Church gate collection for Longford Meals on Wheels will be held next weekend 13th/14th December. Please support.
- Drumlish Cemetery Committee is holding its annual *Mega Christmas Hamper Draw* on December 14th in the Mens/Womens Shed. Tickets available in both Drumlish Supermarkets and in the P.O. Please support..

• Longford County Choir Christmas Celebration Concert with Soloist Maria Matthews and The Arioso String Quartet in St. Mel's Cathedral on Sunday 21st December at 7.30 p.m.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Tomorrow, Monday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of obligation. Mass in Drumlish at 11 a.m and in Ballinamuck at 7 p.m.

St. Patrick's NS Ballinamuck is now inviting applications for admission to Junior Infants 2026/2027. Applications will be accepted from: 1st December 2025 to 30th January 2026. Parents/guardians can obtain an application form from the school office or download it from the school website ballinamuckns.ie. For further information, contact: 043 3324063 or email; office@ballinamuckns.ie

St Mary's Mixed NS Drumlish Enrolment opens for Junior Infants January 12th 2026 and will be open for 3 weeks. Forms can be collected from the office or can be downloaded now from the website: *drumlishns.ie* in the section Parents and the dropdown downloads.

Survey re: Future of Primary Schools

The Department of Education and Youth is asking parents, guardians, school staff and members of Boards of Management to have your say and participate in the short and confidential online survey on your primary school. The survey asks three questions: 1) Gender Mix: Co-Education or Single Sex Schools, 2) Patronage/Ethos: A denominational school with a religious Patron, or a school under a non-religious patron, and 3) Language Medium: Education through English or in Irish.

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

Fr. Manning Gaels Club News

- Fr. Manning Gaels annual Charity Walk takes place starting at Monaduff on Dec. 26th at 12 p.m., following the Rebel Walkway towards Ballinamuck. Refreshments in the Clubhouse afterwards. Money raised goes to Féileacáin.
- Fr. Manning Gaels annual Table Quiz is on Sat. 27th Dec. in the Tavern Drumlish at 9 p.m. Table of 4 is €40. Prizes 1st, 2nd, 3rd. Money raised goes towards the Minor Club St. Vincents.

Deaths

Pray for the repose of the souls of Desmond Gibbons brother of Pauline Larkin, Gaigue and for John Gill, brother of Peter, Gaigue. May they rest in peace. We extend our prayers and sympathy to both families on their sad loss.

Baptisms

Mikey David Gilraine s/o Shane & Danielle, Cattan and Darcie Ann Quinn d/o Darren & Lisa, Thownagh were baptised and welcomed into our faith community last weekend. We congratulate and wish both families continued blessings.



Where are the chains on me, the appetites which I have not mastered, and that pull me in ways I do not want? Help me towards a freer heart and body, Lord.



Offertory €1050, Heating Collection €70, Dues €30, Shrine €330. You can also use electronic transfer if it is more convenient. Bank details:

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. Thank you.