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"The other night, I ate at a  
real nice family restaurant.  
Every table had an  
argument going on."  
— George Carlin



Feast of the Holy Family Year A — 28th December 2025

## Mass Intentions

### Drumlish

Sun 11.00: Josie Farrell  
Joanna Kaniewska  
Sabina Helmrich  
Rita Crowe

Fri 8.00: Tommy Carolan Month's Memory  
Sun 11.00: Philomena Forde

### Ballinamuck

Sun 9.30: Misa Pro Populo

## Ministries for Next Weekend

### Drumlish

Word of God Sat Conor Brennan  
Sun Margret Prunty  
Communion Sat Terry Cooney  
Sun Sr. Kathleen Duffy

### Ballinamuck

Word of God Sun Helen McKenna  
Communion Sun Olive Donnelly



Offertory €1675, Dues €275, Shrine €405, Heating €60. 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.

## Offertory/Dues Boxes 2026



The Boxes for the various collections for the coming year 2026 are now available for distribution. Boxes for Mill St. Mill Race and parts of the town still to be delivered; thank you for doing this work. Thank you again for your continued generosity.

## Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **Drumlish Senior Citizens Party** will take place on Sunday, 11th January in the Olde Village Inn at 3 p.m. The invitation is open to anyone who would like to join us for food and festive fun.
- **ALONE**, the organisation that enables older people to age well at home, is urgently seeking volunteers for their Support and Befriending services in Longford, particularly in the areas of Aughnaclyffe, Drumlish and Moyne areas. If you would like to volunteer or learn more, please visit [www.alone.ie/volunteer](http://www.alone.ie/volunteer) or call 0818 222 024.
- **A FREE We Can Quit (WCQ) Stop Smoking Programme** starts January 6th. In the Temperance Hall at 6.30pm Get support in a welcoming community setting, led by trained community facilitators. FREE nicotine replacement products included to help you quit and improve your health. Contact 087 4304222, or EDI Centre 043 3347515 or [healthylife@edilongford.ie](mailto:healthylife@edilongford.ie)
- **Ballinamuck Social Dancing** in the '98 Memorial Hall, Ballinamuck, is taking place this Sunday the 28th of December from 5pm – 7pm. Music by Eddie Quinn. Contact Aisling on (086) 3663901.
- **First Friday** calls will take place this week on Thursday and Friday as usual.

## Death

Pray for the repose of the soul of Cathy Jordan, Currabawn whose funeral takes place this Sunday. May she rest in peace. We extend our sympathy to her family at their sad loss.

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

## Food for Thought!

Most of Jesus' life on earth was spent in a small, unimportant town doing the very ordinary work of carpentry. Jesus is coming of age, entering his teens, and as an eager student, questioning his teachers. To his mother's query: *'Your father and I,'* he points gently to another paternity: *'I must be in my father's house.'* Why choose this story to celebrate the Holy Family? It is not a story of peaceful routine, but rather of drama and hazards and difficult decisions. Jesus and family are displaced persons seeking a place to live. Lord, you have tasted human uncertainties, and the difficulties of survival. Your mother, so blissfully happy when she prayed the Magnificat, had to adjust rapidly to homelessness and the life of asylum-seekers. Let me be equally unsurprisable when you ask me to taste uncertainties and my plans going awry.  
[Irish Jesuits: Sacred Space]

## We Are Family

"Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."  
Mark 3:35 (NIV)  
The puzzle is based on Mark 3:20-35



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

FAMILY	CROWD	CIRCLE	JESUS	DIVIDED
LAW	EAT	MOTHER	DISCIPLES	KINGDOM
HOUSE	BROTHER	SEATED	TEACHERS	GOD

## Family Matters

How often do we push aside  
The thought to make a call  
To just one family member  
Who we rarely see at all?

Do we know if they are doing well  
Or married still?  
Do we know if someone close to them  
Is sick or very ill?

Are we concerned at how much time  
Has passed since we last met?  
And are we sure we can afford  
To sit and just forget?

We should not waste another day  
In doing things we'd rather.  
Instead, we should reach out once more  
Because our family matters.  
[Martha Anderson. "Family Matters."]

