

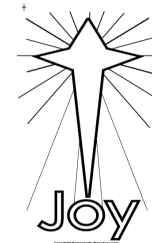
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# Parish Newsletter

## Drumlish & Ballinamuck



 "Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you'd have preferred to talk."

Christmas Day A—25th December 2016

### Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: George/Anny/Peggy Mallon, Kilmahon  
Patrick Gordon & McNeill/Gordon Dfm  
Peter Wallace, Church View Drive

Sun 9.30: Christmas Day  
11.00: John Davis

Mon 9.30: Corrigan/McKenna Dfm

Fri 8.00: John/Margaret Devanney, Kilmahon

Sun 11.00: Kathleen Lynch MM, late Crowdruman  
Michael/Katherine Kane & Dfm  
Michael/Eileen King & Dfm  
Rita Crowe, Derawley

### Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sat 9.00 pm: Brian/Marilyn McDermott, Gaigue  
Sun 10.00: Patrick Ginty, Kiltycreevagh

### Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Mary Ross  
Sun: Irene McNally

Communion Sat: Kathleen Gill  
Sun: Mary Gillooley

### Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Kay Cullinney  
Communion Sun: Cora McKenna

### Offertory Collections

Drumlish €1540, Heating €77, Shrine €177  
Ballinamuck €301, Heating €10, Shrine €55  
Priests Dues €2588. Thank you.

### Envelopes for 2017

Envelopes for 2017 are now available. Please take your packet and that of your neighbours, if you know that they pray elsewhere. Contributing through the envelope system has an extra benefit for the parish because the parish, as a charitable institution, can reclaim tax on your contribution, provided your total for the year reaches €250 or more. Thank you.



- **Drumlish Senior citizens Christmas party** is on January 8th in the Old Village Inn. 4 o'clock starting time. All welcome.
- **Bingo:** There will be **no bingo** on Tue 27th. Bingo will resume on Tuesday 3rd January. We would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and thank you for your continued support during the year.
- **98 Hall Committee** would like to inform everyone we now have the facility of a wheelchair accessible toilet.
- **Fr Manning Gaels Annual Table Quiz** will take place on Wednesday night December 28th in Dillons Bar Ballinamuck at 9pm. Table of 4 is €40.00. There will be great prizes on the night and all support is greatly appreciated.

### Baptism

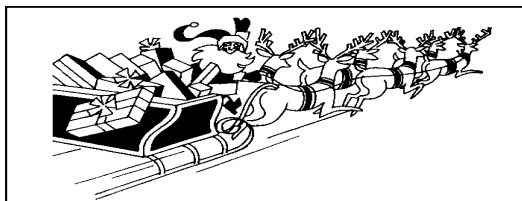
Fiach Declan Kiernan s/o Declan and Grainne, Cartrongolan was baptised and welcomed into our faith family last weekend.

### Wedding

Congratulations and best wishes to Ann Marie McKeon and Tomas Prunty who were married in St. Mary's Church last weekend.

### Death

Pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Jim Sorohan whose funeral took place during the week. RIP.



### Some Special Gifts

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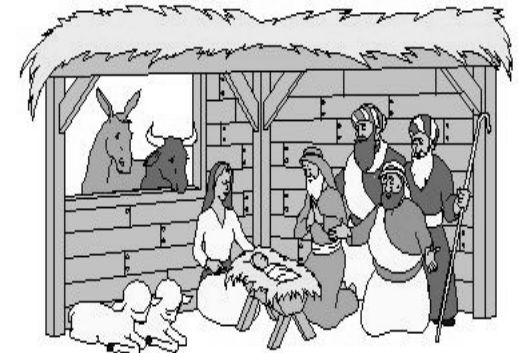
Here are a few suggestions for special gifts:

- a firm handshake to a shaky soul,
- a kind word to a lonely person,
- a warm smile to the disheartened,
- a sincere concern for someone troubled,
- a feeling of compassion for the neglected,
- a comforting thought for the bereaved,
- a respect for the dignity of others,
- a defence of the rights of individuals,
- a word of witness to help a seeking soul,
- a Merry Christmas to all.

### Prayer of St. Francis

'Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness,  
joy.'

## A Saviour is born



On behalf of the priests of the parish, I wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and continued blessings in the coming year. We extend a warm welcome to all who have journeyed home to be with family and friends and to those who celebrate these special occasions with us. Like any family, our faith family too feels your absence and wish we could be together more often. We are also aware that Christmas can be a sad and lonely time for some people, and especially for families that have experienced bereavement over the year. We assure you of our prayers at this special time.

Nollaigh shona agus athbhlian faoi mhaise duit.

A special word of thanks to Peter Hagan for making the beautiful crib in front of the altar in St. Mary's Drumlish and to Esther, the artist, for creating the back drop.