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"He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree."

Roy L. Smith

Fourth Sunday of Advent Year B - 20th December 2020

### Mass Times & Intentions

#### Drumlish

Mon 10.00: John/Tess/Paddy/Steve Felle  
Thur 8.00: Peter Wallace, Church View Drive  
Fri 11.00: John Davis  
Sat 8.00: Corrigan/McKenna Dfm

#### Ballinamuck

Sun 9.30: Misa Pro Populo

Because of the limited numbers permitted to attend the church at any one time, the weekend Mass will be kept free of bookings—those who wish to book Mass may avail of the weekday Masses. For the present, Friday evening Masses will be shared where demand requires. Existing bookings will be honoured.

**Note: Masses will be streamed on the Parish Webcam as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10 a.m. Christmas Eve at 8 p.m., Christmas Day at 9.30, 11.00 and 1.00 p.m. Saturday 8 pm. Sunday 11.**

### Ministers of the Word & Holy Communion

#### Drumlish

Word of God	Xmas Eve: Theresa Whitney Xmas Day: Kathleen Dunleavy Sat. Vigil: Bridie Mollaghan Sunday: Billy Kelleher
Communion:	Xmas Eve: Kathleen Gill Xmas Day: Pat Corrigan Sat. Vigil: Mary Gearty Sunday: Marian McNally

#### Ballinamuck

Word of God:	Xmas Eve: Emma Clancy Xmas Day: Nuala McLoughlin Sunday: Helen McKenna
Communion:	Xmas Eve: Bridie Reilly Xmas Day: Cora McKenna Sunday: Ryan McGee

### Baptism

Ollie Max Sheehy s/o Maurice & Hannah, Cloonmacart was baptised and welcomed into our faith community during the week. Congratulations.

### Worship in December 2020

#### Mass:

- ♦ The number of people who can gather in any church is governed by the following 2 criteria:
- ♦ 2 meter distance must be maintained between each individual/household group.
- ♦ The maximum number of people allowed to gather in an indoor setting is 50.
- ♦ Worshipers are advised to wear face masks

#### Please also note the following:

- ♦ Household group – individuals must be counted to ensure you are not exceeding the maximum number in an indoor setting (50).
- ♦ Please be aware that some concerns have been expressed about social distancing as people enter and leave churches; this may necessitate staggering movement in and out.
- ♦ Congregating outside the church is discouraged.

Diocese of Ardagh & Clonmacnois  
3rd December 2020

### Offertory Envelopes for 2021

Offertory Envelopes for the year 2021 are now ready. If you would like to receive an 'offertory box' please contact 0868213422 or any member of the Parish Pastoral Council. Once again sincere thanks to all who continue to support the parish and its clergy.

### Christmas Masses

St. Mary's Drumlish: Christmas Eve at 8 pm.,  
Christmas Day at 9.30, 11.00 and 1 p.m.  
St. Patrick's Ballinamuck: Christmas Eve at 7 pm,  
Christmas Day at 9.30. Also on Facebook.



Offertory €2029, November Dues €466, Heating €195. Thank you for your continued support.

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The St. Mel's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul are asking your help at this time. Because of the Covid virus they are unable to hold their annual church gate collections this year. However, you can help by using their envelope which can be picked up at the back of the church and dropping your donation at the address on the envelope or you may drop your donation into the basket here together with your offertory envelope. Please give what you can and be assured that all money collected goes to help those who need it most within the local area. Thank you for your care.

### Planning for Christmas

The Covid-19 requires that we plan for Christmas Masses in compliance with Government guidelines. That means that families and households and those visiting for Christmas will be restricted by the 50 who are allowed into the Church at any one time. Please remember that the Sunday obligation can be fulfilled by attending on any of the weekdays, and more especially at this time during the days of Christmas. We ask your patience and understanding at this time.

- ♦ Ushers are there to help and guide you, and we ask you to support them in every way possible. If the sign **'Church Full'** is displayed, please do not insist on entry as this could lead to the cancellation of public celebration of Masses in the days ahead.
- ♦ All Masses in Drumlish will be streamed on MCNMedia TV and can be accessed through the Parish Web at drumlishparish.ie.
- ♦ Mass on Christmas Day in Ballinamuck can be viewed by logging on to Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/bernard.hogan.589>
- ♦ If you are uncomfortable with gatherings of people, please remember that there is no obligation to attend and it might be advisable to participate in the Christmas Masses by using the links provided above. Thank you for your understanding.

**Wishing you a blessed and peaceful Christmas in these very challenging times. We are each others keepers. Stay safe.**

### Christmas Message 2020

A year ago, in preparation for our Diocesan Assembly, I referred to "the joys, anxieties and hopes that come with family life". Little did we know then the extraordinary challenges that 2020 would entail. We have missed what we value most - people. We miss being with and among people, all the ordinary everyday encounters, free from restriction and anxiety. Christmas brings thoughts of people who are no longer with us, especially those who died during this year. We miss those we cannot visit as freely as usual, especially our family and friends who are in hospital or in nursing homes. We cannot gather as a community to worship the Lord as we normally do; we long to be back. Priests and parishioners carry out Trojan work to keep our churches welcoming and safe and we are grateful to them for their work and care. Although we have experienced lockdown and restrictions the Lord is present with us in so many ways. At Christmas we celebrate the arrival of God's son among us. The story of the first Christmas in Bethlehem was full of hope and joy. What was expected for so long had come to pass. The Christmas story always refreshes our joy and our hope. The joy that each human life is of vital importance to God because of the baby in Bethlehem. The hope that this baby has changed the way we see ourselves, one another and our destiny. We hope that life will become safer and less restricted because, decisions taken by individuals will, collectively, reduce the threat to health, lives and livelihoods. There is the hope that vaccines will assist in our great efforts to be safe. During 2020, there were times of sacrifice, when some of our normal freedoms were curtailed for the common good. There are many examples of great care and generosity throughout our parishes. We are grateful to all in leadership, essential services and in our communities whose work and sacrifice contribute to our safety. The candles on the Advent Wreath are lit one Sunday after another, ushering us closer and closer, week by week, to Christmas. We look forward with great hope to celebrating the birth of the Saviour. Our hope is in him. I wish you and your family and friends at home and abroad a happy Christmas. +Francis Duffy