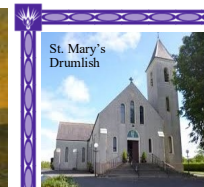
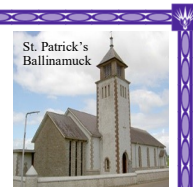


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"Every time we open our mouths and speak, we are either saying let their be light or let their be darkness."

Glennan Doyle Melton



First Sunday of Advent Year A — 30th November 2025

Mass Intentions

Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Alex/Kathleen/Pat Ross
Sun 11.00: Mary Keane
Patrick Joseph Sorohan & Dfm
Michael Quinn
Fri 8.00: John/Agnes/James/Joseph Kenny
Michael/Brigid/John Cronin
Rose Ferris/Paul Sharkey
Mary McKeon (Power)
Sat 8.00: Marian Campbell
Danny Grimes
Rosaleen Cullen Month's Memory
Sun 11.00: Mary Ellen Corr
McCormack/Cosgrove/Black Dfm
Terence Reynolds

Ballinamuck

Sun 9.30: Michael/Brigid O'Toole & Dfm
Sun 7th Dec Tom Duffy & Dfm

*Note: Mass streamed Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
10 a.m. Friday & Saturday 8 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m.*

Ministries for Next Weekend

Drumlish

Word of God Sat Ria Nertney & Conf
Sun Orla Devlin & Conf
Communion Sat Bernadette Noonan
Sun Elaine McKeon

Ballinamuck

Word of God Sun Mary McKenna & Conf.
Communion Sun Mary McKenna



Offertory €1292, Heating Collection €268, Dues €175. 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.

Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

- ♦ **Monaduff Social Club Christmas Party** is on Saturday, 6th December in Monaduff Club Rooms from 2 to 6 p.m. All welcome.
- ♦ **Ballinamuck Social Dancing** takes place in the 98 Memorial Hall on Sunday, 30th Nov. from 5 to 7 p.m. Music by Brendan Jermyn. Support please. Contact Aisling 0863663901
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Next Sunday, 7th December** the official turning on of the Christmas lights will take place in Drumlish marked by Christmas Carol Service at 5.00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church, followed by the lighting of the new lights at 5.30. All are invited to both events. See the various posters displayed for further information.
- ♦ **Macra Longford:** if you are 17 to 40 join us for a new Club meet up on Friday December 5th at 8.30 p.m. in Drumlish Community Centre N39V8N9. New members welcome. Phone: 086 7808987.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **First Friday** calls next week with the usual arrangements. If there are people who are uncomfortable coming to Mass or gathering in crowds but still would like to receive Communion, please let Fr. Ber know.
- ♦ **Ballinamuck Xmas Lights** switch on by special guest on Friday next, December 5th at 7.30 p.m. St. Patrick's NS children are singing. All welcome.
- ♦ **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.

Baptisms

James Oliver Brady s/o Eamon & Anna, Lettergullion and Grace Duffy d/o Mark & Martha, Lettergullion were baptised and welcomed into our faith community last weekend. Wishing both families joy and continued blessings

Deaths

Pray for the repose of the souls of Martin Farrell, Rosslare and late of Derawley, brother of Jimmy Farrell and for Tommy Carolan, Cloonmacart who were called home to the Lord this week. May they rest in peace. We extend our prayers and sympathy to both families on their sad loss.

Survey re: Future of Primary Schools

The Department of Education and Youth has launched an important survey, inviting parents, guardians, staff, and board members to express their views on the future of our primary schools. I urge all parents, principals, staff, and board members to complete the **"Have Your Say"** survey before the closing date of 16th December 2025. If you do not vote you are giving others the right to decide the future of your school. The survey is accessed at <http://www.gov.ie/primaryschools/survey>. [Bishop Paul Connell]

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.

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

What does the Advent wreath symbolize?



The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ. The wreath itself, which is made of various kinds of evergreens, signifies continuous life. The wreath as a whole is meant to remind us of both the immortality of our souls and God's promise of everlasting life to us through Christ. Each candle represents a theme for each week of Advent — hope, peace, joy, and love.

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 Saturday 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.

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

**Don't forget next Sunday
St. Mary's Drumlish
Carol Service at 5.00 p.m.
followed by
Turning on the new
Christmas Lights at 5.30
Visit by Santa**

