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Advent: the time to listen for footsteps - you can't hear footsteps when you're running yourself.



Bill McKibben

Second Sunday of Advent Year B — 10th December 2023

Mass Intentions

Drumlish

- Sat 8.00: John Gray, Cloncowley
- Sun 11.00: Marion Campbell & Dfm
- Fri 8.00: Agnes/John/James/Joseph Kenny Michael/John/Bridget Cronin Freda Costello
- Sat 8.00: Katie Duffy, Aughadowry & Duffy/Kelleher Dfm.
- Sun 11.00: Jimmy Forde, Derawley Desmond/Leonard Forde, Dublin Fr. Jim Sorohan James/Mary/Peggy Dunleavy Philomena Gray

Ballinamuck

- Sun 9.30: James McKenna & Dfm
- Fri 7.00: John Connell Colin Heaney, MM.
- Sun 9.30: Irene Collum

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

Ministries for Next Week

Drumlish

- Word of God Sat Collette Brennan & Conf Cl.
- Sun Orla Devlin & Conf Cl
- Communion Sat Kathleen Gill
- Sun Bibi Revtakova

Ballinamuck

- Word of God Sun Catherine Carthy & Conf Cl.
- Communion Sun Bridie Reilly



Offertory €1851, Dues €140, Heating €164. Thank you for your financial support. You can also support using electronic transfer if it is more convenient. Bank details are :

Account Name: Drumlish Church
BIC: AIBKIE2D;
IBAN: IE 15 AIBK 9321 4006 6850 07

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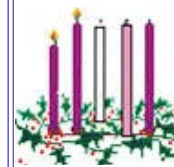
- **Adoption Support** Information and Support for Birth Mothers - whose babies were placed for adoption may be found at www.birthinfo.ie or by calling the relevant section of TUSLA at +353 818 445500
- **Drumlish Senior Citizens Christmas party** will take place in the Olde Village Inn on Sunday January 07th 2024 at 4pm. Everyone welcome.
- **Ballinamuck community Christmas party** will take place this Sunday 10th December from 2-6 pm. Everyone welcome. The committee would like to thank everyone who donated to the church gate collection—your support is much appreciated.
- **County Longford Social Services** have their annual Church gate collection for Longford Meals on Wheels next weekend. Please support.
- **Fr Manning Gaels annual table Quiz** will take place on Thursday night December 28th 2023 in Quinns Bar Drumlish at 9pm. Table of 4 is €40 and prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. There will also be a raffle on the Night and all proceeds from the night will be going to our minor club St. Vincent's. All support is greatly appreciated.
- **Ballinamuck N.S. Christmas Shows** are on Tuesday and Thursday this week. Doors open 6.30. Contact the school for tickets.

Death

Pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Powell nee McKeon, Cloonaugh Lower whose funeral took place this week. We extend our sympathy and prayers to their families. May she rest in peace.



Some thoughts on today's Gospel



To untie someone's sandal was a slave's task, but John feels unworthy even to do that for Jesus, because he is so important. The attraction of John the Baptist is mysterious. People flocked to him, not to be flattered but to be told the truth. They listened because of what they saw, a man who was indifferent to the world's prizes, a man of minimal needs, who could not be bought by pleasures, comforts or money, but passionate about God. They recognised holiness.

Advent - Week 2 Word Search

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

ADVENT	ANGELS	ANNOUNCEMENT	ARRIVAL
CELEBRATE	CHRISTMAS	CHRISTMAS EVE	CHRISTS BIRTH
CHRISTS RETURN	EMMANUEL	EVERGREEN WREATH	EVERLASTING LIFE
FOUR CANDLES	FOUR WEEKS	HOLY	HOPE
JOY	LOVE	PEACE	PINK
PREPARE	PURPLE	WHITE	WORSHIP

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Offertory Envelopes 2024

The envelopes for the various collections in 2024 are now ready. Because of Data Protection restrictions, the envelopes cannot be displayed publicly and will be distributed over the next weeks. I ask those who did the distribution last year to help out again this year. If you don't get a packet of envelopes and wish to contribute to the upkeep of the parish and clergy please contact the Parochial House 086 8213422 or a member of the Parish Pastoral Council. Sincere thanks again for your generous support. Regrettably many who use the services of the Parish & clergy don't feel an obligation to support the Parish & clergy. If you claim membership of the Church or Parish Community you have a moral obligation to support it. Could it be a new year's resolution!!!!

Advent Hope

Darkness is our beginning
Not our ending.
We begin in darkness
The womb of Creation
Covering the face of the deep.
So also, darkness is the beginning
Of Redemption.
A Star appears in the darkness—
A signpost to the wise
Of all times and from all places
To leave their darkness
And journey to find him
Who is Light.
Light is found
Not in a palace of privilege
But in a place of poverty.
Light is found
With an angelic chorus
To shepherds at their work by night.
Light is found
In a stable that is
Heaven's Gate to a Renewed Creation.
Darkness is not our destiny—
Light is.

[Uli Chi]