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Drumlish & Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter



*Instead of pointing a
critical finger, try
holding out a helping
hand*

1st Sunday of Advent - (B)ô 30th November 2014

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Molly Mollaghan
Sun 11.00: Frank Courtney, Drumlish Hill
Mon 9.30: For the people of the Parish
Fri 8.00: Agnes/John/James/Joseph Kenny & Dfm
Michael/Brigid/John Cronin
Sat 8.00: Patrick/Mary McNally
Sun 11.00: Marian Campbell

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Brigid/Michael O'Toole
Fri 7.30: Joe/Alice Brady, Aughadowery
Sun 10.00: James Reynolds

Note: Confessions & Adoration after Friday Mass

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Confirmation Class
Sun: Confirmation Class

Communion Sat: Mary Gearty
Sun: Ann Davis

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Kay Culliney
Communion Sun: Mary Breslin

Money Matters

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Ballinamuck Diary

- **Ballinamuck Community Christmas Party** will take place next Sunday 7th December 2014 from 2.30-6.30 pm. We look forward to seeing you on the day. All members of the community are more than welcome to join us for the music and craic after the meal (5pm). **Anyone wishing to entertain on the day please contact Mary Breslin on 0861777294.**
- **The Bridge:** Thanks to Brendan Larkin, Darren Quinn, Chris Pryce, Johnny McGee, Charlie Sorohan, Peter Gill, Dillon's Bar whose contributions, time and efforts were responsible for the face lift given to the bridge in the village in recent weeks. Well done to all who helped.
- **Table Quiz:** Thanks to all who supported through sponsorship, spot prizes, bought tables etc. the table quiz in aid of the flights for the 2015 twinning in Essert which was held in Dillon's last weekend.

Mock Wedding

Drumlish Cemetery Limited are presenting a Mock Wedding on Fri. Dec. 12th in the Community Centre. A fantastic night of comedy and entertainment by our local cast is promised. The show opens with the children of St Mary's NS and will close with a couple of numbers from our local chorus line. The night will be completed with a Wedding Reception Party in The Porter House, with refreshments and entertainment provided. Put this date in your diary.

County Longford Social Services

The annual church gate collection for County Longford Social Services will be held on Sat/Sun 20th/21st December.

ICA

The December meeting of the Guild will take place this Monday night 8.30pm in the Visitors Centre, Ballinamuck. All members please attend.

First Friday

Next Friday is the first Friday. The sick and housebound will be attended as usual.

Safeguarding Message from Bishop Francis

- During this season of Advent many children will be involved in preparations for Christmas liturgies. It is a special time for them and for their families. I wish to thank our Safeguarding Representatives in the forty-one parishes for their work in ensuring the safety of children in all church related activities.
- I encourage anyone with concerns regarding the safety of children or anyone who suffered in the past to contact our Designated Persons: Sean Leydon (087-7431649) or Róisín O'Doherty (087-3327587) or An Garda Síochána or Tusla.

Advent

This first Sunday of Advent is the beginning of the four weeks of preparation leading up the birth of Christ at Christmas. The Advent Wreath and candles remind us that Jesus is the light of the world. The evergreen leaves in the circular wreath is a symbol of God's love that has no beginning or end, but is everlasting. We invite those who may have drifted away from Church practices to rediscover the joy of the Good Newsô God's endless love revealed through Jesus, bringing healing and hope to the wounded.

Drumlish Community Group Activities

- All programmes in Drumlish Community Centre.
- Basic First Aid Programme Tue. 2nd at 10.00am.
 - Social Dance on Wed. next 3rd 7.30 ó 9.30pm.
 - Pastry & Cake Making Tuesday 16th at 10.00am
 - Flower Demonstration by Village Flowers December 17th at 7.30pm.

Everyone welcome. Further information contact Breda 087 9181787

Moyne Community School Concert

The students of Moyne Community School present Nicholas McDonald (X-Factor runner up 2013) and Jordan O'Keefe (Britain's Got Talent finalist) and comedian MC Fabu D live in concert in the school gym on Thursday, 4th December. They will be supported by a host of local talent drawn from all years throughout the school. On the day there will be two concertsô 1.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.. All proceeds will go to St. Christopher's Services, Longford.

Youth 2000 Retreat

Youth 2000 Ireland will be hosting their annual Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Newbridge, Co. Kildare from Friday 12th to Sunday 14th December 2014. Many young people from across Ireland (aged 16-35) are expected at this donation only event, with all newcomers very welcome. This is a great opportunity to find out what your faith is all about in a friendly, chilled out atmosphere. Free buses available. Online booking necessary, see www.youth2000.ie or phone 01 6753690.

Switch on of Christmas Lights

- The **switching on of the Christmas lighting** in Drumlish will take place next Friday after 8 pm Mass. The Adult choir and the children will sing carols during the Mass. Come and join us for this special occasion. What better way to start off our preparation for the birth of Christ. Well done to the choirs and volunteers who organised the lighting.
- **Drumlish Christmas Lights Fundraising Quiz** will take place afterwards in the Olde Village Inn at 9.30 p.m. Table of 4 at p40. Support please!

Pop Up Christmas Craft Shop

St. Christopher's Services -Pop Up Christmas Craft Shop open in Longford Shopping Centre 16-20 Dec.