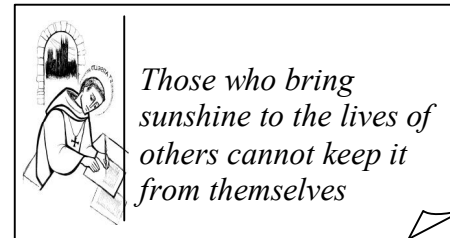


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# Drumlish & Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter



3rd Sunday of Advent - (B)ô 14th December 2014

## Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: Lucy/Malachy Kelleher, Greagh  
Sun 11.00: Jimmy/Leonard Forde  
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo  
Fri 8.00: Connaughton Dfm, Currabawn  
Sat 8.00: Pat/Annie Monaghan & Gillooley dfm  
Sun 11.00: Philomena Gray, Hill St.

## Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: Michael/Kathleen Quinn, Aughadowry  
Mon 7.30: Francis/Cathy McKenna & Gorman Dfm  
Tue 7.30: Michael/Bernard/Patrick Whitney & Dfm  
Fri 7.30: Tommy Joe/Babs McLaughlin & Dfm  
Sun 10.00: Brian/Marlyn McDermott & dfm

**Note: Confessions & Adoration after Friday Mass**

## Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: John Egan  
Sun: Ellie Halpin  
Communion Sat: Bernadette Noonan  
Sun: Sr. Kathleen Duffy

## Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Coleen Quinn  
Communion Sun: Cora McKenna

## Money Matters

Drumlish ð730, Shrine ð363; Ballinamuck ð330

## Ballinamuck Bingo

Extra Christmas prizes for the next two weeks (Tues 16th & 23rd @ 8.30pm) on every page, also raffle on the 23rd for a 22inch Colour TV/DVD and a Christmas hamper. A special guest will visit from the North Pole on the 23rd! Please come along your support would be greatly appreciated

## 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.

## Irish Blood Transfusion Service

The mobile unit of the Irish Blood Transfusion Service are appealing for your support when it visits the Longford Arms Hotel this week on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 4.30- 8.00 p.m. -Help us to help others- To give blood is to give life.

## Carers' Association

The Carers Association is delivering QQI Fetaç level 5 Healthcare Award training in the Co Longford area starting January 2015. For further details please contact the Training Unit on 057 9322920 or e mail [training@carersireland.com](mailto:training@carersireland.com)

## 'The Meaning of Marriage'

-The Meaning of Marriage- is a pastoral statement from the Irish Catholic Bishops and is available at the back of the Church. It is the Church's response to the debate taking place re: the re-defining of marriage as understood over the centuries. As Catholics we have a responsibility to inform ourselves and this pastoral letter will help us understand marriage from a traditional Catholic stance. You can download it at: <http://www.catholicbishops.ie/2014/12/03/meaning-marriage/>

## Flower Demonstration

Drumlish Community Group are holding a social evening with flower demonstration by Village Flowers on Wednesday next Dec 17th at 7.30pm with light refreshments. Admission ð2, raffle on the night. Also the presentation of the Food & Nutrition certificates. Looking forward to seeing you all.

## 2015 Offertory/Dues Envelopes

The envelopes for the various collections for 2015 are now available. To cut back on expenses, envelopes will only be issued to those who used them last year. Those who don't use the envelope system but who wish to support of the priests of parish are asked to use the special envelopes available at the back of the church prior to Dues Collections. Please note that:

- your number may change from year to year;
- if you don't receive a packet of envelopes but would like to, contact any of the priests or a member of the pastoral council;
- by using the envelope system, it is possible for the parish, under the charities act, to reclaim the taxes that you may have paid for the benefit of the parish.

## Christmas Confessions

Penance Service/Confessions for the Christmas will be as follows:

- Thursday 18th Ennybegs/Cullyfad at 8 p.m.
- Sunday 21st Drumlish at 7.30 p.m.
- Monday 22nd Newtownforbes at 7.00 p.m.

There will be a number of priests hearing confessions on those dates.



**Come to Me to  
be  
forgiven and  
healed**

## Dromard Child Care

Community Employment Childcare assistant(s) position(s) available in Dromard Child Care Community Group Ltd. As this is a labour market activation scheme, priority will be given to candidates interested in undertaking a career in childcare and participating in childcare training. Contact your local DSP Employment Services/Intreo Office to check your eligibility and to apply for this vacancy. Job Reference Number 898296 will be required. Further info. Tel: 3341511 [www.longfordwomenslink.org](http://www.longfordwomenslink.org).

## The Ballinamuck Community Christmas Party

The committee thank all who attended and entertained at this years party. Thanks all who donated to our church gate collection and those who made donations of money/gifts on the day. Thanks to the Hall Committee for the use of the premises. Wishing you all a Happy Christmas

## Pop Up Christmas Craft Shop

St. Christopher's Services -Pop Up-Christmas Craft Shop open in Longford Shopping Centre 1ô 20 Dec.

## Longford County Choir

Longford County Choir present their Christmas Celebration Concert at St. Mel's Cathedral Centre on Sunday evening 21st December at 7pm sharp. Tickets available at door or from any choir member.

## County Longford Social Services

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

Drumlish senior citizens Christmas party in Old Village Inn on January 11th at 4 p.m. All welcome.