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Baptize With Water
But One Mightier
Is Coming

Drumlish & Ballinamuck Parish Newsletter

Third Sunday of Advent—Year C—13th December 2015

Rejoice
IN THE Lord ALWAYS.
I WILL SAY IT AGAIN:
Rejoice!
PHILIPPIANS 4:4



A smile is a light in
the window of the
soul indicating that
the heart is at home

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's Drumlish

Sat 8.00: John Gray, Cloncowley
Sun 11.00: Lucy/Malachy Kelleher, Greagh
Jason Corcoran, RIP
Mon 9.30: For the people of the Parish
Fri 8.00: John/Margaret Devaney, Kilmahon
Sat 12.00: Phil Davis, MM, Longford Rd
8.00: Peter Wallace, Church View Drive
Sun 11.00: James/Mary Dunleavy, Cartron

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Sun 10.00: James Reynolds
Mon 7.00: Brigid/Francis Corrigan, Gaigue
Fri 7.00: Keith O'Neill
Sat 12.00: Kathleen McLoughlin, MM, Shanmullagh
Sun 10.00: Michael/Kathleen Quinn & Dfm

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Theresa Scholfield
Sun: Kathleen Dunleavy
Communion Sat: Mary Gearty
Sun: Marian McNally

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Coleen Quinn
Communion Sun: Bridie Reilly

Offertory Collection

Drumlish € 1105, Ballinamuck €205

Booking of Masses for 2016

Due to demand, it is not possible to accommodate individual Masses for every request. This was discussed at our recent Pastoral Council meeting and it was agreed that from the beginning January 2016 those who book Masses for the weekends in Drumlish or Ballinamuck [i.e. Saturdays and Sundays] will be asked to share the Masses with others who may have anniversaries occurring at the same time. We thank you for your understanding and support.



- **Longford County Choir** will make a welcome return to St. Mel's Cathedral on Sunday evening the 20th December at 7pm for their annual concert of Christmas Carols with orchestra and soprano Emer Barry and St. Christopher's Choir - Tickets are available from local County Choir members. Price €10
- **Drumlish Local History** - if there are any College Students of local history in the Drumlish end of the parish could they contact Helen at Drumlish Library or Annette at 086 8141023
- **Ballinamuck Enhancement:** A Petition has been launched for submission to Longford Co. Co. with regard to the Safety issues at Gaigue Cross junction. It is currently in Ballinamuck Shop, we invite you to sign if you too have concerns surrounding safety there. Thank You.
- **Ballinamuck Community Christmas Party** will be held on Sunday, 13th Dec. in the Hall at 2.30 p.m. Anyone who would like to entertain, contact Mary Breslin on 0861777294. Note: no individual invitations are being issued—everyone is welcome.
- **Youth 2000** invites all young adults between ages of 16-35 to a Catholic weekend retreat taking place from 18th-20th December 2015 at Newbridge College, Co. Kildare This will be an exciting weekend attracting over 600 young people from all over the country.
- **Ballinamuck Children's Christmas party:** Sunday 20th December in '98 Hall 3pm-5pm. Come along and join in the fun with disco, balloon modelling and more! Visit Santa in his grotto. (3pm sharp), Family Photo. Admission optional.
- **Bingo in Ballinamuck** on Tuesday night at 8.30 pm in the 98 Hall. Extra prizes for Christmas. Support appreciated.
- **Ballinamuck N.S.** will host their Annual Christmas Play on Tuesday and Wednesday 15th and 16th December at 1.00pm in School. We look forward seeing parents, grandparents and friends of the school on either day.

- **Social Dance Christmas Party:** On Wednesday Dec 16th social dance Christmas party takes place in the Porter House at 8 pm. Great night of dance and music in-store with light refreshment served; everyone is welcome.
- **Christmas in Ballinamuck:** Fr. Joe will take all the servers for a practice at 7.30 pm on Monday night after Mass. If you can help provide music in the Church on Christmas Day or Christmas Eve, please contact Fr. Joe.

Holy Year of Mercy

Earlier this year Pope Francis announced a Jubilee Year of Mercy as follows: 'I have decided to announce an Extraordinary Jubilee which has at its centre the mercy of God. It will be a Holy Year of



Mercy. We want to live in the light of the word of the Lord: "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (cf. Lk 6:36). This Holy Year which began on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, will conclude on Sunday, 20 November 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King, the living face of the Father's mercy.' The logo and the motto together provide a fitting summary of what the Jubilee Year is all about. The motto Merciful Like the Father (Luke, 6:36) serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure. The logo represents an image of the Son having taken upon his shoulders the lost soul demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption. One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ.

Misery Dinner

Author Leo Buscaglia tells this story about his mother and their "misery dinner." It was the night after his father came home and said it looked as if he would have to go into bankruptcy because his partner had absconded with their firm's funds. His mother went out and sold some jewellery to buy food for a sumptuous feast. Other members of the family scolded her for it. But she told them that "the time for joy is now, when we need it most, not next week." Her courageous act rallied the family.

A Goal for the Week!

Be *Strong* and *Courageous*.
Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged,
for the *Lord* your *God*
will be with you wherever you go.

~Joshua 1:9

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 Towards Healing (1800 303416) or An Garda Síochana or Tusla.