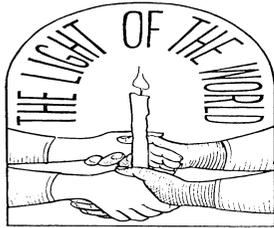


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You can't keep trouble from coming, but you needn't give it a chair to sit on

Feast of Holy Family (C) ☉ 30th December 2012

Mass Intentions—St. Mary's

Sat 8.00 : Alex/Kathleen/Pat Ross, Corrick
Sun 11.00.:Rita Crowe
Mon 9.30: Misa Pro Populo
Tue 9.30: Mary, Mother of God (New Year)
Sat 8.00: Mary Mimmagh, Cloonaugh Lr.
Sun 11.00: Jimmy/Kitty Kane, Main St

Mass Intentions—St. Patrick's

Sun 10.00: Brigid /Michael O'Foole

Ministries—St. Mary's Drumlish

Readers Sat: Rosa Collum
Sun: Caitriona Murray
Eucharist Sat: Bernadette Noonan
Sun: Brendan Murray

Ministries—St. Patrick's Ballinamuck

Readers Sun: Ryan Forde
Eucharist Sun: Bridie Reilly

Offertory Collection

Drumlish: p2,086 (Sunday & Xmas Day)
Ballinamuck p235 (Sun)

First Friday

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

New Year's Greetings

As we ring out the old and ring in the new, once again we say thanks to all who have helped in any way over the past year ☉ Parish Pastoral Council, Ministers of the Eucharist, Readers, Choirs, Collectors, Altar Servers and their mentors, those who decorate the altar and sanctuary, FÁS for looking after the churches and property, and a host of others, who in their own quiet way, help in the running of the parish. Without such help, it would not be possible to run the unit. As we express our thanks to you for your help, we also invite others to become involved in the life of the parish and offer their skills where possible in the new year.

Parish Pastoral Council & Finance Committee

During the month of January we hope to put in place a new Parish Pastoral Council and a new Parish Finance Committee to serve the whole parish of Drumlish & Ballinamuck. Sincere thanks to those who have served on the outgoing parish pastoral councils ☉ some for many years. A possible new structure for the parish pastoral council is to have 8 people elected (4 from each end of the parish) and a further 4 co-opted by those elected. This should best reflect the various gifts within the parish. we ask you to reflect on the people and skills you would like to see on a parish pastoral council.

Drumlish Senior Citizens Party

Senior Citizens Party will take place on the 6th January at 4 p.m. in the Old Village Inn. All are welcome.

Happy New Year!

'Twas the day after Christmas, and all through the house
Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse.

The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I'd taste
At the holiday parties had gone to my waist.
When I got on the scales there arose such a number!
When I walked to the store (less a walk than a lumber).

I'd remember the marvellous meals I'd prepared;
The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared,
The wine and the rum balls, the bread and the cheese
And the way I'd never said, "No thank you, please."

As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt
And prepared once again to do battle with dirt--
I said to myself, as I only can
"You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!"

So -- away with the last of the sour cream dip,
Get rid of the fruit cake, every cracker and chip
Every last bit of food that I like must be banished
"Till all the additional ounces have vanished.

I won't have a cookie -- not even a lick.
I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick.
I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread, or pie,
I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.

I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore--
But isn't that what January is for?
Unable to giggle, no longer a riot.
Happy New Year to all, and to all a good diet!

[Author unknown -- from Andy Chap]

*Happy New Year
2013*

WHO DOES WHAT AT MASS ?



At every Mass you will notice that some members of the assembly have different jobs. We call these jobs -ministries. Let's look at some of them:

THE PRIEST: At Mass the priest leads us and encourages us to play our part in the celebration. How does he do this? He:

- Leads us in prayer
- Invites us to listen to God's word
- Helps us to understand and make sense of the Word of God in our daily lives through his homily
- Takes our gifts, the bread and wine, offers them to God and prays that by the power of the Holy Spirit they will become the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

Words of Encouragement for 2013

Archbishop Charles Brown, the new apostolic nuncio to Ireland, discusses the first year of his new assignment in an interview with the Irish Catholic. He says that despite the enormous volume of negative press about Catholicism, he is very optimistic about the Church in Ireland. ☉ I want to encourage Catholics to be courageous in their faith, ☉ says Archbishop Brown; ☉ not to be afraid, not to be cowed into silence by the pressure of the scandals and negative media reports that tend to make people retreat into a very private faith. What I would like to see is for people to be joyful about their faith and not afraid to express their faith in the public square. ☉ During this year of faith, let us celebrate our faith with love and hope.

WE KNOW CHRIST LIVES IN US
WHEN WE CARE FOR OTHERS