

Dromahair ~ Killargue ~ Newtownmanor

Sunday 29th February 2009 ~ The First Sunday in Lent

We have already begun our Lenten Journey. On this First Sunday in Lent we continue our pilgrimage in faith ~ a journey which leads us to the celebration of the Death & Resurrection of Jesus at Easter ~ our promise of eternal hope.

Let us pray that, for each of us, Lent will be a time to pray again as a family, a time to re-assess our own lives and to reach out to people in need.

On Wednesday next, 4th March there will be an early morning Mass at 7.30am in Dromahair.

This is an opportunity to do something extra for Lent and to prepare for Easter.

Mass will be over by 7.55am at the latest.

Many people will then have lots of time to complete the journey to their place of work.

During Lent The Rosary will be recited in each church after weekend Masses ~ for those who wish to remain on and participate.

GENERAL / CHURCH NOTICES.

- [A] **Lent is a time to think of others who are less well off than ourselves.** One of the most practical ways is to contribute to Trócaire and the amount usually suggested is the cost of one family meal per week. **Trócaire Boxes ~ now available at the back of your church.**
- [B] **Sincere thanks to all parents who encourage & have encouraged their children to serve at Mass.** However, to ensure best practice, it would be appreciated if parents could arrange among themselves that one of their number could be present in the sacristy before and after Mass
- [C] **Cursillo is a short and gentle course in Christian living and in the basics of our Faith ~ encountering Christ.** Men's weekend ~ from the 5th – 8th March and women's weekend ~ from the 12th – 15th March. Course begins at 8.00pm on Thursdays and ends on Sundays at 4.00pm in the **Star of the Sea, Mullaghmore, Co. Sligo.** For further information contact Fr. John McMahon, Manorhamilton at 071 9856987 or Bridget Fitzpatrick, Boggaun, Manorhamilton at 071 9164265. ***Make a friend, Be a friend, Bring a friend to Christ.***
- [D] **Organist required for Killargue Church. Can you help ~ especially this Easter?**
Contact 9164391 / 9164698 or any of the priests.
- [E] **Kilmore Pilgrimage to Lourdes ~ 27th May – 1st June 2009.** Hotel Pilgrims should contact Mc Ginnity Travel 049 – 4331811. Assisted Pilgrims contact Fr. Colm Hurley at 049 – 4334155.
- [F] **Irish Pilgrimage Trust ~ Lourdes Fund : Church gate collection this weekend.**
- [G] **Friday next is the First Friday.** Visitation of the sick and housebound in **Dromahair** on Friday 6th March, in **Newtownmanor** on Saturday 7th March and in **Killargue** on Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th March. All will be contacted beforehand.
- [H] **We remember: Paddy Joe McTiernan [brother of Mary Alice Kelly, Killargue], late of Shelden, Birmingham and Gortnacarkogue, Killargue who died on Monday 23rd February.**
Mass for the deceased will be celebrated in **Killargue Church on Monday 8th March at 7.00pm.**
May he rest in peace.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, DROMAHAIR.

- 1. Mass: Monday 9.30am; Tuesday 9.30am; Wednesday ~ early morning Mass ~ 7.30am; Friday 8.00pm; Sunday ~ 11.15am.**
- 2. Pray for:-**
Beryl & Michael McGoldrick, Kilmore, Fivemilebourne, Anniversary Mass Sunday 1st March at 11.15am.

Martin & Margaret Dolan. Fawnlion & deceased family, Anniversary Mass Sunday 8th March at 11.15am.
May they rest in peace

3. **Liturgy for March: Readers: Volunteers needed. Collectors: Michéal Mc Goldrick, Tommy Dolan, Charles McGowan, Frank Mc Gowan & Bernadette Conlon.**
Altar Society: Betty Purvis & Susan Kivlehan.

CHURCH OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, NEWTOWNMANOR.

1. **Mass: Thursday ~ for First Friday ~ 8.00pm; Sunday 10.00am.**
2. **Pray for:-**

Eddie Boylan, Cornalaughta, First Anniversary Mass Sunday 1st March at 10.00am.
Gráinne Kelly, Magurk ~ Sligo ~ Belfast, Anniversary Mass Sunday 8th March at 1000am.
May they rest in peace!

3. **Liturgy for March: Reader: Michael Cunningham. Collectors: Seamus Fowley.**
Altar Society: Bernadette Boylan & Hazel Boylan.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, KILLARGUE.

1. **Mass: Monday 7.00pm; Friday 7.00pm; Saturday ~ Vigil Mass ~ 7.00pm.**
2. **Pray for:-**

Thomas and Kate Ann Kelly, Gortgarrigan, Mass Saturday 28th February at 7.00pm.
Mary Elizabeth & Hugh Flanagan, Anniversary Mass Friday 6th March at 7.00pm.
Deceased of the Hannon family, Killavoggy, Mass Saturday 7th March at 7.00pm.
May they rest in peace.

3. **Liturgy for March: Reader: Áine Cullen & Carmel Loughlin.**
Collectors: Dessie Hannon, Vincent Feeney, Tommy Mc Govern & Hughie Harte.
Altar Society: Maureen Mc Gorrin & Mary Harte.

Community Notices.

1. **Support your Local Bingo every Monday night in the Abbey Manor Hotel at 9.00pm sharp.**
2. **I.F.A. Public Meeting:** Wednesday 4th March at 8.30pm sharp in the Ramada Hotel, Drumshanbo. This meeting will deal with all current farming issues. All welcome.
3. **Having Marriage or family problems? Accord may be able to help.**
For counselling appointments phone **Accord**, Sligo 071 – 9145641 & **Accord West** 1850 201 878.
4. **Smoking Cessation Service:** This **HSE** service provides free confidential help and support to anyone who wishes to stop smoking. A smoking cessation clinic is available in Our Lady's Hospital, Manorhamilton each Wednesday evening from 7.00pm – 9.00pm by appointment only.
If you think now is the right time to quit smoking, why not call 1850 200 687 today?
5. **Active Age ~ Dromahair:** Meetings on Wednesdays from 10.30am – 12.30pm in **The Depot**, Dromahair. New members most welcome.
6. **Keep – Fit Classes:** Killargue Community Centre on Thursdays at 6.00 -7.00pm. All welcome.
7. **Good luck to the Dromahair GAA Club & Team in the Celebrity Bainisteoir Series on Saturday.**

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**Would you like to take a short term pledge for Lent? Non - pioneers are invited to do so. You will find short-term Lenten Pledge Cards with the appropriate prayer and conditions at the back of each church**

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**Clothing Collection Facility**

A **Container** has been placed in the grounds of **The Depot, Dromahair** for the collection of unwanted clothing ~ ladies', gents' and children's ~ shoes in pairs, leather goods, sheets, blankets & curtains.

Please put the above items in plastic bags.

Access to the facility is from the **Backline** and through the **steel door** leading into the **Depot** grounds. Only the right – hand door of the container opens. Turn the lever fully to the left before pulling the door open ~ and you'll need to use a little strength!

Proceeds from these collections will aid parish funds

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***He who forgives ends the quarrel.*** African Proverb.