

DROMAHAIR – KILLARGUE- NEWTOWNMANOR

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Sunday 2nd May 2021 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Today's Gospel Reflection - 'Bound together'

*Have you ever visited a vineyard, with its rows of vines, heavy with clusters of ripe grapes? If you're not familiar with vines, think of an apple tree laden with apples, or a fruit bush ripe for picking. In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the metaphor of a vine to describe His relationship with His disciples. He tells them that He is the vine and they are the branches. *The life of Jesus flows into us* and sustains us, and this is **the reason our lives can bear fruit** in love, in kindness, patience, compassion and welcome. The symbolism of the vine works on many levels. *If a branch is separated from the vine*, it cannot flourish on its own. **It must be connected** to the vine from which it gets its nourishment. Each of us must be firmly rooted in Jesus and nourish that relationship. He invites us to „remain“ in Him - to rest in Him, to be part of Him. And, if you look at a vine plant, often its branches are so entangled, it can be hard to know where one ends and another begins. *We note that Jesus is addressing the disciples as a group rather than as individuals*; “you are the branches”. We are a community, and we grow together, bound together by the love of God. Today, we reflect on what it means to be so intimately connected with Jesus, the true vine. We bring to mind the many gifts He has given us, and the ways in which His love bears fruit in our lives.*

The Sacrament of Baptism: Baptisms are now allowed to take place. Please note the **maximum allowed at each baptism is 6 people** and gatherings afterwards are discouraged, due to the continued risk posed by the coronavirus. Please contact Fr Paul for more information or to arrange your child's baptism.

Funerals: The number of people attending funerals has been increased to 25 from Monday, 26th April

Trócaire - give what you can it's not too late: We are really enormously appreciative of the support you give to Trócaire in caring for the poorest of the poor. Please use the box or any envelope to donate to Trócaire through the parish office. Thank you on behalf of our brothers and sisters who live in poverty and injustice.

Please give what you can, it will make all the difference.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Bernard Fitzpatrick, recently retired C.C. in Swanlinbar & former C.C. in Newtownmanor, who has died. Fr Fintan McKiernan P.E., retired P.P. of Derrylin & former C.C. in Glencar & Glenfarne, whose funeral took place on Saturday 24th April.

May they Rest in Peace. Amen

COVID-19 Update - Resumption of Public Masses-----FANASTIC NEWS!!!

The Government has announced that Public Masses can resume with effect from **Monday 10th May 2021**, subject to the attendance not exceeding 50 people. The same limit will apply to attendance at Weddings & Funerals. Social distancing, hand sanitizing etc. will apply as previously. Further details will be published in next weekend's newsletter.

The First public Mass will be celebrated in Killargue Church on Tuesday evening 11th May at 8.00pm.

Recent Baptisms

We welcome to the Christian Community: James Joseph Cregg, son of Sean & Mairead, who was baptised in St. Patrick's Church, Dromahair, on Saturday 24th April.

To access the webcam please type the following in your search engine. **www.churchtv.ie** then click on County Leitrim icon, and then, click on the Dromahair icon, then click play.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, DROMAHAIR:

1. **Mass: No Mass on Monday's;** Tuesday at 8.00pm; Wednesday at 9.30am; Thursday at 8.00pm; Friday at 8.00pm; Saturday (Vigil) Mass at 8.00pm; Sunday at 11.15am.
2. **Pray for:**
Deceased of the Slevin Family, Lemascally, & the **McTernan Family**, Gurteen. Anniv. Mass on Saturday 1st May at 8.00pm (*streamed live*).
Sean & Terry McGowan, Market St. **Patsy Devaney, his Parents, Margaret & Martin Devaney, and his sister, Bridget Feeney.** Mass on Sunday 2nd May at 11.15am (*streamed live*).
Peadar O'Dwyer. Collooney, Sligo. Memorial Mass on Tuesday 4th May at 8.00pm
Catherine Gordon, nee Connaughton. Memorial Mass on Wednesday 5th May at 9.30am
Tommy Keaveney, Derrinaher, Dromahair. Memorial Mass on Thursday 6th May at 8.00pm
Patsy McDermott, Mountcharles, Donegal. Memorial Mass on Friday 7th May at 8.00pm
Tommy Keaveney, Derrinaher, Dromahair. (Vigil) Mass on Saturday 8th May at 8.00pm
Cathal Sharkey, St Joseph's. **Michael & Annie Flanagan**, Sheskin, & their sons **Fr John Flanagan**, San Antonio, Texas & **Mike Flanagan**, London. Anniv. Mass on Sunday 9th May at 11.15am
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Act of Spiritual Communion

**My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.**

SINCERE THANK YOU: To all who have dropped in their parish envelopes for the support of the parish. You can continue to drop Dues/Offertory Collection Envelopes into Fr Paul at the Parochial House in Dromahair (or to John McMorrow in Killargue). **Please do not leave Collection Envelopes in any of the three churches while unattended.** Thank you for your generosity & understanding.

RECEIPTS FOR 2020:

On behalf of the Parish Finance Committee, **I wish to thank you for your generosity and kindness towards the parish in these difficult times.** Receipts for your contributions for 2020 were posted out recently.

If your contribution exceeded **€250** and you had not already returned your **CHY3 Tax form** (yellow form), there is a new form enclosed. I would encourage all **TAXPAYERS** to complete and sign this form and please return it back to the parish. This form will allow the parish to claim back tax paid on your donation during 2020. The amount of **€14,460.00** was recovered from Revenue under this scheme for 2019. This is and will be an important source of income for our parish. **Thank you for your help with this. Fr Paul.**

O'Rourke's Table fundraiser:

We are excited to announce our first fundraiser for the development of our beloved O'Rourke's Table 'Step It Up. for O'Rourke's Table'

It's easy to get involved, all you need to do is get out and get those steps in. 2km, 5km, 10km, whatever you can manage. You then donate €5 online via the **iDonate link on the O'Rourke's Table** Facebook or Instagram page **and nominate 5 others to take on the challenge.**

If you are not on Social Media and would like to donate, please contact Denise on 0861207872 and we organise your donation. Please share and let's get moving! Every donation counts!

Kilmore Diocese Apostolic Work Missions Fundraising Draw

For almost 100 years Apostolic Workers have been supporting Irish Missionaries to bring **Love, Hope & Practical Help** to the most impoverished people in the world.

Please HELP us reach 100 years by supporting our fundraising draw.

Tickets €50 each for inclusion in twelve monthly draws. Cash prizes of €200 & €100 on offer each month.

Tickets available in this parish from Bridget Fitzpatrick – 087 2333343.

Your support for this worthy cause is greatly appreciated.

