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Sunday 3rd September 2023 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Reflection for the Season of Creation

Jesus came among us and is with us to nurture life. The fulfilment of that purpose meant his suffering, death, and resurrection. *Jesus faced the reality of opposition filled with the hope* of new life. Jesus, in stating that he was destined to go Jerusalem was indicating the beginning of the final stage of his earthly ministry - his upcoming suffering, death, and resurrection.

Peter tried to stop him, but *Jesus makes it clear* that it is not God's way and reminds us that we too must take up our cross and follow him. *We are called to live in harmony with the rhythm of the life of Jesus.* We are, of course, assured that Jesus is with us always, yes, until the end of time (Mt 28:20).

As we begin our Season of Creation, we give thanks believing that creation in all its beauty and diversity *communicates the mystery* of God's presence.

Pope Francis in his message for the Season of Creation, in accord with the theme, '*Let Justice and Peace Flow*', calls us to *live in harmony with creation.* He says that just as the *heartbeat of babies in the womb* are in harmony with that of their mothers so *we can sense the maternal heartbeat of the earth.* In calling us to *renew our relationship with the earth,* Pope Francis states that it involves our relationships with God, with each other, with creation and with ourselves. **We are interconnected** with all of life (LS 66).

In entering the rhythm of the life of Jesus, the Son of God, *we enter* the rhythm of God's gift of creation, the Common Home of our interrelationships. The climate crisis, as highlighted by the sciences, and impacting upon the poor, opposes that rhythm of life. As Christians, we are called to enter the flow of justice for humanity and for creation. Indeed, St. Paul (2nd Rd.) calls us not to model our behaviour on this world, but '*let your behaviour change*'.

Jesus, filled with a fire burning in his heart, like Jeremiah (1st Rd.), *stayed with the flow* of his calling to go to Jerusalem. His urge to *keep going* despite opposition was irrepressible. We too are called to tune into this urge of Jesus to renounce everything for the sake of the cause of justice and peace. Pope Francis in his Season of Creation Message urges us to enter the flow of justice for the earth by changing our lifestyles and advocating for the public policies *that care for our Common Home.*

May we, in trusting in the rhythm of life of Jesus, be renewed in our caring for our Common Home.

Bishop Martin Hayes

The Annual Collection for Christians in the Holy Land is due this weekend – 2nd & 3rd Sept 2023

You will find the *white/pink bar Holy Land Collection Envelope* in your pack. If you haven't got the '*official envelope*', please put your contribution in an ordinary envelope marked - '*Holy Land Collection*'. Please include your name and address. **Thanks for your continuing generosity.**

Apostolic Society Display

Display of work in **St. Brigid's Church, Killargue, on Saturday next - 9th September before and after the 8.00pm Vigil Mass.** Also, this year, in **Mary Mother of God Church, Newtownmanor on Sunday 17th September, before and after the 10.00am Mass.** The usual collection will be taken up.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

September Visitation of the Sick and Housebound: Fr Paul will visit the Sick and Housebound on **Friday next - 8th September, at the usual times.** If you know someone who would like a visit and is not currently on the First Friday visitation list, please let him know. Telephone: 071-9164143.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, DROMAHAIR:

1. **Mass: No Mass on Monday's;** Wednesday at 9.30am; Friday at 8.00pm; Sun at 11.15am.
2. **Pray for:**
John Joe Speers, Boston & Speers Green. Memorial Mass on Sunday 3rd September at 11.15am.
Available for Intention. Mass on Wednesday 6th September at 9.30am.
Frank & Peggy Maguire, 'Golden Wedding Anniv', Garrison. Mass on Fri 8th Sat at 8pm.
Teresa & Barney Kelly, Speers Green. *Months Memory & 13th Anniv* Mass on Sun 10th Sept 11.15am.
May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.
3. **Liturgy for September:** Readers: Aíne Leonard & Volunteer. Collectors: Michéal McGoldrick & Charlie Sharkey. Altar Society: Volunteers needed.

CHURCH OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD, NEWTOWNMANOR:

1. **Mass:** Thursday at 8pm; Sunday at 10.00pm.
2. **Pray for:**
Joe & Bridie Martin and Dec Family Members, Carrickfad. Mass on Sun 3rd Sept at 10am.
Sharon Loughlin, Pullboy. Anniversary Mass on Thursday 7th September at 8.00pm.
John McDonald & Deceased Family Members, Dromahair & formally of Gortnaskeagh. Mass on Sunday 10th September at 10.00am.
May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.
3. **Liturgy for September:** Reader: Angela Loughlin. Collectors: Joseph McLoughlin & Frank Dolan.
Altar Society: Michelle Comiskey & Catherine McDermott.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, KILLARGUE:

1. **Mass: Tuesday at 8pm (Adoration from 7pm to 8pm);** Saturday (Vigil) Mass at 8pm.
2. **Pray for:**
Bill & Betty Cawley, Sligo. John & Maureen Moran, Limerick. (Vigil) Mass on Sat 2nd Sept at 8pm.
Available for Intention. St. Pio Novena Prayers. Mass on Tuesday 5th September at 8.00pm
(Adoration 7.00pm to 8.00pm).
Paul & Matt Bird and Deceased Family Members, Corrigeencor. (Vigil) Mass on Saturday 9th September at 8.00pm.
May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.
3. **Liturgy for September:** Reader – Marie Sheridan; Collectors – Carmel Feeney & Carmel Loughlin;
Altar Society – Catherine Sweeney.

Paul McDermott's 60th Birthday Croagh Patrick Climb

Following Paul's recent successful birthday fundraiser challenge, of climbing Croagh Patrick four times in one day on 2nd July 2023, Paul would like to express sincere thanks to everyone who donated online via the GoFundMe page or gave cash donations. **The total amount raised was €12,604.88**, which will go towards projects at **Newtownmanor Church** and at **Leckaun National School**. Mile Buíochas Paul.

Dromahair Defibrillator Group: The Dromahair Defibrillator Group are holding their Annual 5K Family Fun Walk / Run on Sunday 3rd September at 5pm sharp. Registration in The Depot from 4.00pm. Refreshments & Spot Prizes afterwards in the Depot. All Funds raised goes towards the upkeep of the 5 AED in the area. **Please come along and support us on the day.**

Dromahair Active Age Group: Resumes on Wednesday – 13th September from 10.30am to 12.30pm, in The Depot. New members most welcome. All enquiries to Mary on 086-3408235.

Dromahair Heritage Group - invites all those interested to remember the French soldier who died in Ardvarney 225 years ago while marching with General Humbert's army from Castlebar to Ballinamuck in Co. Longford via Dromahair. There will be a small commemoration at the plaque which was erected on the 200th anniversary in 1998 at what is believed to be his final resting place. **The event will take place on Sunday September 10th at 3.00pm at the plaque locally known as The Frenchman's Grave at Ardvarney. Fáilte roimh chách!**

“Today too, amid so much darkness, we need to see the light of hope and to be men and women who bring hope to others. To protect creation, to protect every man and every woman, to look upon them with tenderness and love, is to open up a horizon of hope; it is to let a shaft of light break through the heavy clouds; it is to bring the warmth of hope! Pope Francis on Creation.