

# DROMAHAIR – KILLARGUE - NEWTOWNMANOR

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Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To celebrate the Feast Day, there will be two Masses celebrated in the Parish, as follows:

(Vigil) Mass on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 8.00pm, in Newtownmanor Church.

Mass on the Feast Day - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 8.00pm, in Dromahair Church.

## Blessing of the Advent Wreath

*Lord God,*

*your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Saviour,  
who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin.*

*Pour forth your blessings upon us  
as we light the candles of this wreath;  
may their light reflect the splendour of Christ,  
who is Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.*

## The Holy Father's Advent Reflection

*Staying awake is not easy;* it is really quite hard. At night, it is natural to sleep. Even Jesus's disciples did not manage to stay awake when told to stay awake 'in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn' (cf. v. 35). They did not keep watch. They fell asleep. That same drowsiness can also overtake us. There is a dangerous kind of sleep: it is the slumber of mediocrity. It comes when we forget our first love and grow satisfied with indifference, concerned only for an untroubled existence. **Without making an effort to love God daily and awaiting the newness he constantly brings, we become mediocre, lukewarm, worldly.** And this slowly eats away at our faith, for faith is the very opposite of mediocrity: it is strong desire for God, a bold effort to change, the courage to love, constant progress. **Faith is not water that extinguishes flames, it is fire that burns;** it is not a tranquilizer for people under stress, it is a love story for people in love! That is why Jesus above all else detests lukewarmness. (cf. Rev 3:16). God clearly disdains the lukewarm.

How can we rouse ourselves from the slumber of mediocrity? With the vigilance of prayer. When we pray, we light a candle in the darkness. Prayer allows God to be close to us; it frees us from our solitude and gives us hope. **Praying and loving: that is what it means to be watchful.**

Come, Lord Jesus, take our distracted hearts and make them watchful. Awaken within us the desire to pray and the need to love. (Pope Francis)

## Christmas Ecumenical Carol Service – Date for your Diary

In Drumlease Parish Church of Ireland, on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7pm.

Everyone is invited to join in this festive celebration.

Dromahair GAA Healthy Club in association with Dromahair Development Association/Tidy Towns - will be switching on the Christmas lights in the village on Friday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 8.30pm.

## Collection Envelopes for 2024

The Dues/Offertory/Special Collection Envelope boxes for 2024 are available for collection after Mass in all three churches from this weekend. Please collect your own box & your neighbour's. On behalf of the Finance Committee & Fr Paul, a sincere **THANK YOU** to everyone for your continued support to the parish & to your priest. Many boxes will have new numbers.

Income & Expenditure Accounts for 2022 are now posted on church notice boards.

## ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, DROMAHAIR:

1. **Mass: No Mass on Monday's;** Wednesday at 9.30am; **Friday (Holy Day) at 8.00pm;** Sunday at 11.15am.
2. **Pray for:**  
**Tommy Stanford, Woodlands Ave. Months Memory Mass** on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 11.15am.  
**Available for Intention.** Mass on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am.  
**Patrick Feehily, Cornalaughta. Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at 8.00pm.**  
**Available for Intention.** Mass on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 11.15am.  
***May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.***
3. **Liturgy for December: Readers** – Helen/Anna Sweeney; **Collectors** – Patrick McGoldrick & Mark Meehan; **Altar Society** – **Volunteers needed. Please contact Fr Paul.**

## CHURCH OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD, NEWTOWNMANOR:

1. **Mass: Thursday (Vigil Mass for Holy Day) at 8.00pm** (Adoration after Mass until 9.00pm); Sunday at 10.00am.
2. **Pray for:**  
**Bridget Dolan, Cornalaughta, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass** on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 10.00am.  
**Martin Cronin (Birthday Remembrance), Sligo. (Vigil) Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception** on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 8.00pm (**Adoration after Mass until 9.00pm.**)  
**Richard & Clair Smith, & Ben, Arron & Jake. Also, Mary McCann, Manorhamilton & Ballymote.**  
Mass on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am.  
***May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.***
3. **Liturgy for December: Readers** - Teresa and Sarah Rooney, Deirdre McGourty; **Collectors** – John Logue and Volunteers; **Altar Society** – Margaret Feehily and Mary Keegan.

## ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, KILLARGUE:

1. **Mass: Tuesday at 8.00pm (Adoration 7.00pm to 8.00pm);** Saturday (Vigil) Mass at 8.00pm.
2. **Pray for:**  
**The People of the Parish.** (Vigil) Mass on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 8.00pm.  
**Available for Intention.** Mass (**St. Pio Novena Prayers**) on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 8.00pm (**Adoration from 7.00pm to 8.00pm.**)  
**Gerry & Baby Tara McLoughlin, Boggaun.** (Vigil) Mass on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 8.00pm.  
***May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.***
3. **Liturgy for December: Readers** – Pauric Cullen and Ryan Casey; **Collectors** – Jimmy Harkin & Joe Walpole; **Altar Society** – Patricia Harkin & Carmel Loughlin.

**Additional Door/Offertory Collectors required in St. Brigid's Church, Killargue and in St Patrick's Church, Dromahair.** We need your help for just one month each year, please give your name and contact telephone number, either to Fr Paul or to John or Pauric. **Thank you.**

**Parish Safeguarding Information Evening:** Will take place on **Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in Newtownmanor Hall.** This is for anyone working with children, e.g., Servers, Choir, Sacristans etc. It is also open to anyone who would like to attend.

### **Saint Vincent de Paul**

**The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be taking up our Annual Christmas Collection next weekend - 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December.** In the last year your generous support has enabled us to help people in difficulties with rent arrears, oil, fuel, electricity, food, and school and transport related expenses. **We have left SVP envelopes at the back of the church which may be used to donate.** They can be given to the SVP collection on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December. Or they can be left in the SVP safe at the back of Drumkeeran Church or left in the SVP box in Drumkeeran Post Office. We ask for your generous support. **Anyone wishing to contact us can do so at 085-7764431** or leave a message in the SVP safe at the back of Drumkeeran Church. **We are a completely confidential service.**

**Kilmore Youth Ministry is running a Christmas art competition:** It's open to all primary school students in Kilmore Diocese. Participants are asked to "draw a picture of the first Nativity". Entries can be sent to: Youth Ministry Office, The Conaty Centre Cullies Co Cavan. **The closing date is December 12th.**