

DROMAHAIR – KILLARGUE - NEWTOWNMANOR

Fr Paul Casey P.P. - Telephone: 071-9164143; Email: drumahaire@kilmorediocese.ie

Neighbouring Priests: Fr Tom McManus, Drumkeeran – 071-9648025; Fr Patsy McDermott, Killenummery – 087-7116685; Fr John Gilhooly, Manorhamilton – 071-9855042.

Gardaí – Manorhamilton: 071-9820620; Samaritans – Sligo: 071-9142011; Accord – Sligo: 071-9145641.

Website: drumlease-killargue.com

Webcam: churchtv.ie/dromahair.html

Sunday 4th February 2024 – The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wednesday week – 14th February 2024 is Ash Wednesday –

the start the Season of Lent and a day of Fast & Abstinence

Ashes will be blessed & distributed at all Masses in the Parish on that day. Mass times are as follows:

Morning Mass in Dromahair at 11.15am; Evening Masses in Killargue at 7.00pm & Newtownmanor at 8.00pm. Blessed Ashes will be available to take away after Mass.

Trócaire Boxes will be available at the back of each church. Please take one home.

SUMMARY OF REPORT ON RESPONSES FROM PARISH MEETINGS IN RESPECT OF BISHOP HAYES' PASTORAL LETTER 2023

In Autumn 2023, Bishop Martin Hayes published his Pastoral Letter 'Making Decisions and Preparing for the Future Together'. Parishes were then asked to hold meetings and discuss three key questions emerging from this the Pastoral Letter, which would help the Diocese plan for the times ahead. Below is a summary of the main points raised at the parish meetings. The full report is available on the Diocesan Website – kilmorediocese.ie.

Reduction in Priest Numbers:

- Young people have largely disconnected from the church. There was a sense that while we can manage into the future with a reduction in priests, we can't manage without the young. We need to engage with them.
- Side by side with this focus on youth there was also a strong concern for the elderly.
- There was also concern for the impact on parish identity, if there is no local priest and no regular Mass.
- While there was an openness to priests coming in from abroad, there was also a desire for the promotion of vocations and an openness to women and married men in the roles of deacon and priest.

Role of Lay People:

- There was very strong affirmation for developing a role for lay people, both men and women.
- A pastoral worker should not replace the role of local volunteers but should build their engagement.
- Key tasks range across a wide spectrum: pastoral care for sick and elderly; faith work with youth; leadership in prayer and liturgy, administration.
- A strong point here was that there needs to be clear communication from the diocese now on how this matter will be developed.

Weekend Masses:

- Overall, there was acceptance that the numbers of Masses will need to be reduced and times of Masses looked at so that a priest can help out in a neighbouring parish. It came across very strongly in the feedback the importance of clear communication, so that all parishioners know the times of Masses in adjoining parishes, the priest on duty etc.
- There was a desire that church buildings should not be closed.

Recently Deceased: **Padraig Watters**, Drumlease, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Patrick's Church, Dromahair, on Friday last – 2nd February. **Peter (P) Gilligan**, Kilroosk, Manorhamilton. **Brother of Teresa Speers**, Dromahair. Funeral Mass will be celebrated this Sunday afternoon – 4th February at 1.30pm, in the Church of the Annunciation, Mullies. **Seamus Leonard**, Grange, Sligo. **Father of Gavin in Gala**. Funeral took place in The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Grange on Wednesday, 31st January. **Mary Whitehead (nee Egan)**, Cloonlurg, Ballymote, Co. Sligo, and formerly of Kilcoosey, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ballymote, on Sunday last – 28th January. **Bernadette Ryan (nee McHugh)**, New Jersey, USA, and formerly, Gortermone, Killargue. Funeral Mass was celebrated in New Jersey, U.S.A., on Saturday 3rd February. **May they all Rest in Peace. Amen.**

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, DROMAHAIR:

1. **Mass: No Mass on Monday's;** Wednesday at 9.30am; Friday at 8pm; Sun at 11.15am.
2. **Pray for:**
Tom Devaney, Collooney & Kilcoosey, **1st Ann. Eamon Donaghue**, Belhavel. Memorial Mass, **Pat & Kate Conlon, and Jim & Kathleen Conlon**, Anniv Mass, Market St. Mass on Sun 4th Feb at 11.15am. Available for Intention. Mass on Wednesday 7th February at 9.30am.
Joe Burke, his parents **John & Bridget**, his sister **Margaret**, and **Paul McHugh**. Mass on Friday 9th February at 8pm.
Con Healy, Kilmore, Fivemilebourne. **Ita Reynolds**. Cornalaughta. **Rosaleen Maguire**, Kilcoosey. Mass on Sunday, 11th February at 11.15am.
May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.
3. **Liturgy for February: Readers** – Carol Lasrado & Michael Costello; **Collectors** – Michael Loughlin & Volunteer; **Altar Society** – Rosemary Bartlett & Josephine McTernan.

CHURCH OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD, NEWTOWNMANOR:

1. **Mass:** Thursday at 8.00pm **(Adoration after Mass until 9.00pm);** Sunday at 10.00am.
2. **Pray for:**
Available for Intention. Mass on Sunday 4th February at 10am.
Vincent Banks, Corrycullen. Mass on Thursday 8th Feb at 8pm **(Adoration after Mass until 9.00pm).** Available for Intention. Mass on Sunday 11th February at 10.00am.
May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.
3. **Liturgy for February: Reader** – Michael Comiskey; **Collectors** – Kevin McDermott & Jim Loughlin; **Altar Society** – Elizabeth Comiskey & Minnie Healy.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, KILLARGUE:

1. **Mass: Tuesday at 8.00pm (Adoration from 7.00pm to 8.00pm);** Saturday (Vigil) Mass at 8pm.
2. **Pray for:**
John James & Margaret Kelly, Lisgorman, and their son **John**. (Vigil) Mass on Sat 3rd Feb at 8pm.
James McNulty, Larkfield. Mass on Tuesday 6th February at 8.00pm **(St. Pio Novena Prayers) (Adoration from 7.00pm to 8.00pm).**
John Joe McNiff, Drumkeel. **1st Anniversary Mass** on Saturday 10th February at 8.00pm.
May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.
3. **Liturgy for February: Reader** – Monica McNulty; **Collectors;** Joseph McGowan & Tommie Sheridan; **Altar Society** – Carmel Gallagher

'The Wonder of the Word' by Fr Vincent O'Hara: Teresa O' Boyle from Calry, will speak at the **Vigil Mass in Killargue Church, on Saturday next - 3rd February at 8.00pm**, about the recently published book- **'The Wonder of the Word'** by Fr Vincent O'Hara which will be on sale after Mass.
Your support for this worthy cause would be greatly appreciated.

Drumlease N.S. is now enrolling for 2024/25: To request an enrolment pack please contact us: Phone: 071-9164586. Email: drumleasens.ias@gmail.com. School Website: <http://drumleasens.scoilnet.ie>. Hard copy can be obtained from the school office We look forward to hearing from you.

Leckaun N.S. – Clothing Bank: There is a new clothes bank now located at Leckaun National School. All funds collected through the use of this clothes bank will be used for the school. **Your support is greatly appreciated.**

'If we wait until we are ready, we'll be waiting for the rest of our lives'.

