

# DROMAHAIR – KILLARGUE – NEWTOWNMANOR

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## Sunday 5th April 2020 – Palm/Passion Sunday

### Corona Poem

by Sister Maud Murphy, SSL, Knock, Ireland  
Shared by Anne King, thanks Anne.

We were flying to the moon  
We were finding life on Mars  
We were dropping bombs with drones  
We were getting bigger cars.

We were building finer homes  
Flying out to warmer lands  
We were busy buying clothes  
We were brushing up our tans.

We were throwing out good food  
While we watched the starving poor  
We kept burning fossil fuels  
And our air became less pure.

We were warned by our Pope  
Need to mind our Common Home  
Need to watch our Carbon Footprint  
Try to save our world from doom.

But we didn't want to listen  
And we didn't want to hear  
We just watched TV and tablets  
Drank our wine and quaffed our beer.

Then Corona chose to visit  
We were all caught unprepared  
This wee microscopic VIRUS  
Has our whole world running scared.

So our hands we keep on washing  
And we're careful when we cough  
We stand six feet from our neighbour  
Cause this virus might jump off.

But this enforced isolation  
Gives us lots of time to think  
Time to clean the kitchen cupboards  
Time to make our wardrobes shrink.

Could it be that this Corona  
Is a blessing in disguise?  
Makes us think about our lifestyle  
Makes us open wide our eyes.

We thought we were all important  
Greatest beings on this earth  
So we used it and abused it  
As if it were ours from birth.

But Corona is a challenge  
Makes us take a different view  
Helps us see what really matters  
What it is we need to do.

We must watch out for our neighbour  
Doing everything we can  
We are all in this together  
Let us love our fellow man.

***God is with us every moment  
Minding us with loving care  
Now we know how much we need Him,  
Let us talk to Him in prayer.***

So Corona, thanks for coming  
Truth to tell, we needed you  
But don't overstay your welcome  
That, alas, would never do

**Recently Deceased:** Dr James A. Jordan, Main Street, Dromahair, whose funeral took place on Monday last 30<sup>th</sup> March. **Maura (Molly) Healy (nee Flanagan)**, Dunally, Sligo, & formerly of Corcusconny, Dromahair, whose funeral took place yesterday, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April. **James Carey**, Dublin, father of Karen Finan, Killcoosey, Dromahair, who died recently. **Philomena Clancy (nee McBarron)**, Ardakup Mór, Dromahair, sister of Bridget Fitzpatrick, Boggaun, funeral took place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

**May they Rest in Peace.**

Link to Cavan Cathedral Webcam - <https://www.churchservices.tv/cavancathedral>  
Daily Mass is broadcast live at 10.00am & 6.30pm. The Rosary is recited at 4.00pm.

## Family Prayer Cards

Available in all three Churches. There are some lovely prayers and reflections to be used either in the Church, or to take home and pray as a family during these difficult times.

### ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, DROMAHAIR:

1. Mass: No Sunday or Weekday Mass until further notice, including Ceremonies for Holy Week.

### CHURCH OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, NEWTOWNMANOR:

1. Mass: No Sunday or Weekday Mass until further notice, including Ceremonies for Holy Week.

### ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, KILLARGUE:

1. Mass: No Saturday (Vigil Mass) or Weekday Mass until further notice, including Ceremonies for Holy Week.
2. Eucharistic Adoration: Cancelled until further notice.

### Prayer to Our Lady of Knock

Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland, you gave hope to your people in a time of distress and comforted them in sorrow. You have inspired countless pilgrims to pray with confidence to your Divine Son, remembering His promise, "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find".

Help me to remember that we are all pilgrims on the road to heaven. Fill me with love and concern for my brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those who live with me. Comfort me when I am sick, lonely or depressed. Teach me how to take part ever more reverently in the Holy Mass. Give me a greater love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Pray for me now and at the hour of my death. **Amen.**

### A PRAYER FOR THIS COMING WEEK:

Dear God, prepare us for this coming week. Bless those who are quarantined; bless those who are complying with stay at home orders and bless those who have to go out to work. Heal those infected with the virus and make their recovery fast and pain free. Give your strength to all the doctors, nurses and care providers who are caring for all infected with virus. Keep them safe and free from exposure. Be with us in our homes as we protect ourselves, and our families.

May we use this time to bond with our loved ones, and may we have your peace and joy each day. Help us to remember that our strength and our joy are found in you. Restore our hope, renew our faith, and remind us that better days are coming. Take away our worries and fears and cover us with your grace and mercy.

May we be blessed this week, as we pray in the name of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### PLEASE KEEP ALL OUR SICK, ELDERLY AND HOUSEBOUND IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Prayer is a powerful weapon, a strengthening comfort, a genuine act of love, for all in need. To know that others are praying for us is a healing love. To pray "**Walk with them O Lord, through the darkest night and brightest day. Keep them close to you. Give them the strength, courage, faith and hope to come through this time of darkness. Lay your healing hands gently upon them, and if it be your will, grant them healing and recovery. Amen.**"

### Offertory, Dues & Other Collections

During this period of suspension of weekend Masses, some people mentioned to me about what *'the Irish bishops have asked the faithful to continue their generous contributions to the upkeep of their parish.'*

In this regard, can I respectfully suggest that parishioners, continue to put their contributions aside in the collection envelopes provided - on an ongoing basis, as circumstances allow, and to bring the envelopes to the church, **but only when Saturday Vigil & Sunday Masses resume.** Thanks for your continuing generosity and understanding. **Fr Paul.**

**In response to Covid-19-related restrictions on public gatherings, RTÉ will air Mass every weekday at 10.30am from St Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny, on RTÉ News Now.**

**Senior Help Line:** Any caller, concerned about Covid-19, will receive the most up to date guidance as recommended by Government sources. Good health practice is reinforced at all times. Information is updated daily as the situation changes and is available to each of our volunteers at the phones. **SeniorLine is a FREEPHONE service and our older callers can call free between 10am and 10pm every day of the year on 1800-80-45-91**