

Dromahair ~ Killargue ~ Newtownmanor

Sunday 6th September 2009 ~ The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

GENERAL / CHURCH NOTICES.

- [A] **Special Collection for the Holy Land ~ this Saturday, 5th & Sunday, 6th September:**
The background to this collection is that Christians in the Holy Land are facing a time of crisis. Within the last 40 years the proportion of Christians has plummeted from 20% to as little as 1.4%. Soon there will not be sufficient Christians to look after the Holy Places. Local Christians are ethnically Arab and so are treated as potentially hostile by the Israeli state, religious tours have practically ended in Palestinian areas, Bethlehem now has very few visitors, hotels have closed and the local economy has been devastated. The separation wall further isolates or imprisons local communities.
Again this year, the Diocese of Kilmore proposes to contribute half of the ordinary Offertory Collection from this first weekend in September ~ Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th September ~ to support our fellow Christians in the Holy Land. Other Dioceses have special collections each Good Friday. Your contribution ~ and do add a little extra ~ will assist in the upkeep of churches in Nazareth, Bethlehem & Jerusalem, schools in Bethlehem, homes for the elderly in Nazareth and parish centres. *Do be generous!*
- [B] **Diocese of Kilmore ~ Marriage Preparation Courses:** It is Diocesan policy that each couple attends an **ACCORD** Pre-Marriage Course. Facilitators giving these courses undergo continued in-service training and supervision. And the sacramental aspect of marriage receives appropriate attention. **It is a wise practice to do a course up to a year before the date of your marriage ~ a course only weeks before your wedding makes little sense!**
All couples are asked to note this request and make suitable & timely arrangements.
- [C] **National Grandparents' Pilgrimage:** At Knock Shrine next Sunday 13th September 2009. Cardinal Seán Brady will lead the ceremonies. Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm in the Basilica. Liam Lawton & Dana are guest singers. Details: www.nationalgrandparentspilgrimage.com
- [D] **We remember Sr. Beatrice Mc Fadden whose funeral Mass is being celebrated at 11.00am this Sunday morning in Glenfame & Padraig Parkes whose funeral took place during the week. *May they rest in peace.***

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, DROMAHAIR.

1. **Mass: Monday 9.30am; Sunday 11.15am.**
2. **Pray for:-**
Francis X. Kelly, Dromahair, Anniversary Mass Sunday 6th September at 11.15am.
Mel Farrell, Drumlease, Anniversary Mass Sunday 13th September at 11.15am.
May they rest in peace.
3. **Liturgy for September: Reader: Helen Mc Goldrick.**
Collectors: Michéal Mc Goldrick, Charles Sharkey, Michael Burns & Michéal Loughlin.
Altar Society: Josephine Harvey & Sinéad Diamond.

CHURCH OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, NEWTOWNMANOR.

1. **Mass: Sunday 10.00am.**
2. **Pray for:-**
Phillip Sweeney, Manorhamilton and deceased family members, Anniversary Mass Sunday 13th September at 10.00am
May they rest in peace
3. **Liturgy for September: Reader: Rosaleen & Róisín Bird.**
Collectors: Joseph Mc Loughlin & Frank Dolan. Altar Society: Michelle & Annie Comiskey.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, KILLARGUE.

1. **Mass: Tuesday 7.00pm; Friday 7.00pm; Saturday ~ Vigil Mass ~ 8.00pm.**
2. **Pray for:-**
Michael & Annie McNiffe, Teresa Harkin, Drumkeel & deceased members of the Keegan family, Blackgardens, Anniversary Mass Saturday 5th September at 8.00pm.
Jack McGee & Peg Clancy, Creevelea, Mass Saturday 12th September at 8.00pm.
May they rest in peace.
3. **Liturgy for September: Readers: Taheny Family & Marie Sheridan.**
Collectors: Carmel Feeney, Brian Harte, Carmel Loughlin & Gerard Mc Loughlin.
Altar Society: Catherine Sweeney & Detta Mc Niffe.

Community Notices.

1. **Bingo has been put on hold for the present.** It will resume hopefully within a few weeks. Thanks to you, our patrons, for your support and understanding.
2. **The Wednesday Club:** Re - commences on Wednesday 9th September in the Depot, Dromahair and continues every Wednesday morning from 10.30am – 12.30pm. The **Wednesday Club** is the local club for over fifties and is a warm and friendly gathering. Refreshments provided. New ideas and new members welcome. See Dromahair Church Noticeboard for details of events planned for this year or contact Christina Redmond at 071 - 9164573.
3. **Tahany Academy of Dancing ~ Beginners & Improvers Classes:** Tuesday 8th September ~ Killargue Community Centre at 5.00pm; Friday 11th September ~ Ballingar Community Centre at 4.30pm & Drumkeerin Community Centre at 6.00pm. For details ring Kathleen: 086 -3956388.
4. **Weight Watchers:** At 7.30pm every Thursday evening in the Club House, Dromahair. Men & women welcome. For further details ring Marian at 087 2678944.
5. **Yoga Classes ~ Ard Na Hoo:** Starting Tuesday 8th September and continuing on Tuesdays & Wednesdays. All levels including beginners and continuers, also mother & baby yoga & yoga for pregnancy. Classes run in blocks of 8 weeks. For details call 071 – 9134939.
6. **Irish Heart Foundation ~ Dromahair Church Gate Collection:** A total of €217 was contributed. The Irish Heart Foundation has conveyed thanks to all contributors.
7. **Leitrim Third Level Registration Evening:** County Council Offices, Carrick – on – Shannon from 6.00pm – 8.30pm on Monday 14th September. All courses are part – time and include: PR, Event Management, Journalism, Accountancy Technician and more. Further information at 071 96 50496 or www.leitrimthirdlevel.ie
8. **Leitrim & Sligo County Childcare Committee: Exploring the Great Outdoors** ~ a conference aimed at childcare workers, parents and anyone who has an interest in outdoor activities with children ~ on Saturday 26th September in Castle Dargan, Ballygawley, from 9.30am – 4.00pm. Places are limited. Details / booking: Leitrim Co. Childcare Committee ~ 071 9640870.
9. **Samaritans ~ Sligo / N.W. Branch:** Information / Selection nights on Monday 14th September or Wednesday 23rd September at 7.30pm in the Sligo City Hotel. Further details 071 - 9147046. By volunteering to be a Samaritan you can make a real difference to others.
10. **Leckaun Group Water Scheme:** Leitrim Co. Council requests the return of **Taking in Charge** forms without delay. Replacement forms available from James Boylan.
11. **IFA Public Meeting ~ dealing with Livestock Issues:** Monday 7th September at 8.30pm sharp in the **Bush Hotel**, Carrick – on – Shannon. Expert speakers from the industry & banking.

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*God gives every bird its food, but he does not throw it into the nest.*  
**J.G. Holland.**