

DROMAHAIR – KILLARGUE - NEWTOWNMANOR

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Sunday 7th January 2024 – Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Baptismal Reflection

Baptism was not over or down with the day we were taken to the font.

We are baptised by all that happens to us in life.

We are **baptised** by hardship; in its turbulent waters we are purified of all that is false and useless.

We are **baptised** by suffering; in its murky waters we grow in humility and compassion.

We are **baptised** by joy; in its gurgling waters we experience the goodness of life.

We are **baptised** by love; in its singing waters we blossom like flowers in the sun.

Baptism is like a planting of a seed.

It will take a lifetime for this seed to grow and ripen,

But it will ripen as we allow God's Spirit of love, peace and joy to grow in our lives and in our families, when we nourish it with the bit of PRAYER. PRAYER at home and PRAYER with the family at Mass.

Amen.

St. Peregrine: Fr Paul will celebrate the St Peregrine Mass for the sick, in St. Brigid's Church, Killargue, on the second Tuesday of each month, at 8.00pm. The Mass will be preceded by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7.15pm to 8.00pm. **The next Mass will be on Tuesday next 9th January at 8.00pm.** St. Peregrine is the patron saint of cancer patients.

Blessing with St Peregrine oil will be available.

Something to Ponder On

Prayer for the Recently Baptised and Their Families

Lord, as we gather today, *we ask your blessing* on all recently baptised.

Hold them in your arms and bless them.

Shine your light on the path before them and let them always feel your loving presence as they travel along the paths of life.

Lord, *we ask your blessing* on their parents, grandparents and godparents.

May they guide them with their own example of your love and always be ready to listen and to comfort, to laugh and to play, to encourage and to praise.

May they always show their children that they are special in their eyes and also in yours? Amen

Significant Dates in the Parish for 2024

Confirmation – Dromahair/Drumkeeran: Saturday 27th April 2024 at 3.00pm.

Blessing and Visitation of Graves – Killargue & Cloonlougher Cemeteries: Sunday 30th June 2024.

Blessing and Visitation of Graves – Newtownmanor & Carrickatemple Cemeteries: Sunday 4th August 2024. More details to follow later.

New School Term: As the children of our Parish return to school, we send all our good wishes to them and their teachers and all the staff of our schools for the term ahead.

We especially look forward to praying and supporting our young people and their families on their faith journey, as they prepare for the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Recently Deceased: Paudge Feehily, McDermott Terrace, Manorhamilton, father of Karen and brother of Mary, Cloonlougher, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Clare's Church, Manorhamilton, on yesterday - Saturday 6th January. **Eamonn Donoghue**, Belhavel, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Brigid's Church, Killargue, on Tuesday last – 2nd January. **Mary Alice Kelly**, Killargue. Sundays was celebrated in St. Brigid's Church, Killargue, on Sunday last - 31st December.

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 8.00pm; Sunday at 11.15am.
2. **Pray for:**
Eugene McDermott, Drumlease. **Joe Toolan**, Rockvalley. Mass on Sunday 7th January at 11.15am.
Special Intention. Mass on Wednesday 10th January at 9.30am.
Available for Intention. Mass on Friday 12th January at 8.00pm.
Francis & Bridget O'Connor, Shriff. **Mary Loughlin**, Drumlease. Mass on Sun 15th Jan at 11.15am.
May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.
3. **Liturgy for January: Readers** – Paul Jordan & Mary Brodie; **Collectors** – Padraig Watters & Kevin McGoldrick; **Altar Society** – Volunteers needed. **Please contact Fr Paul or Padraig.**

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:**
John Fowley, Cornalaughta. Mass on Sunday 7th January at 10.00am.
Jim Dolan, Corraghan & Dublin. Memorial Mass on Thursday 11th January at 8.00pm **(Adoration after Mass until 9.00pm).**
Available for Intention. Mass on Sunday 14th January at 10.00am.
May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.
3. **Liturgy for January: Readers** – Martina Feeney & Deirdre McGourty; **Collectors** – Jim Banks & Volunteer; **Altar Society** – Bernie Boylan & Hazel Curry.

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:**
Jim Rooney, Killargue and San Francisco, U.S.A. **Months Memory** (Vigil) Mass on Sat 6th Jan at 8pm.
Special Intentions. Mass **(St. Peregrine Prayers for the Sick)** on Tuesday 9th January at 8.00pm **(Adoration from 7.00pm to 8.00pm).**
Special Intention. (Vigil) Mass on Saturday 13th January at 8.00pm.
May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.
3. **Liturgy for January: Readers** – Bernadette Feeney (Curry) & Josie Feeney; **Collector**; Brian Dolan; **Altar Society** – Marianne Feeney.

Sincere thanks to the people of all three church areas - those who helped in so many ways, cared for, cleaned, and sanitised our churches, contributed financially, took up collections, those on the altar society, gave contributions for flowers, did beautiful floral arrangements, took part in the Liturgy. Community Employment Scheme workers & supervisors, for your generosity and support throughout the year.

A special word thanks to our sacristans for all their help and support during the year. Fr Paul.

Short Mat Bowling – resumes in Killargue Community Centre (following renovations) on Tuesday next - 9th January 2024, at 8.00pm.

A Prayer for the New Year

Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you, all things are passing away.

God never changes. Patience obtains all things.

Whoever has God lacks nothing. God alone suffices. St Teresa of Avila

PEACE--"It is impossible for peace to exist without dialogue. All the wars, all the strife, all the unsolved problems over which we clash are due to a lack of dialogue." Pope Francis