

DROMAHAIR – KILLARGUE- NEWTOWNMANOR

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Sunday 7th March 2021 – The Third Sunday of Lent

Today's Gospel Reflection – 'A question of authority'

*It is tough at times to figure out who has authority on certain issues. **There are 'experts'** everywhere, telling us how we should eat, exercise, manage our finances... the list goes on. Something that has struck me during the current pandemic is how *hard it can be to know who to believe*. We hear from doctors and virologists, politicians and economists, and their opinions don't always align. It can take us a while to trust the voices we hear in the media.*

The Temple scene in today's gospel *sparks a debate about* Jesus' authority. While he certainly cuts an authoritative figure as he drives out the stall-holders and money-changers, he is immediately questioned. The *Jews demand a sign* to explain his provocative words and actions, as if to say, '**Who do you think you are?**' It is interesting to note that in John's Gospel, this scene takes place at the beginning of Jesus' ministry (unlike the Synoptic Gospels where it comes towards the end). This would explain the disbelief of the witnesses. In calling the **Temple 'my Father' s house'** *Jesus identifies the source of his authority*. But his interrogators do not understand, nor do his disciples, though we are told it later makes sense to them after the resurrection. This scene offers more than an angry Jesus and a clueless audience. It is a public revelation of Jesus' identity and authority, as the one in whom God's presence dwells. *It also emphasises the radical new way of living* that Jesus has come to bring about. As we journey through Lent, we ask ourselves where the message of Jesus has become obstructed in our lives, *and how we might open our hearts* again to his presence and guidance.

'I invite all Christians, everywhere, to a renewed personal encounter which Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them...The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realise that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms.'
(Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*).

Every Wednesday during Lent, there will be a guided Holy Hour each Wednesday evening from 8.00pm to 9.00pm

This will be done via our Webcam while the government restrictions remain in place. From the comfort of your own home, you could be part of a relaxing and peaceful hour in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. I invite you to consider taking this on for Lent individually or as a family.

Lent Workshop: *Kilmore Youth Ministry* is offering an online workshop for Lent 2021. Each week you would be emailed a piece of writing or scripture on the Monday and then have a group video or call on a Thursday to discuss it. Each week would have a different theme. You must be 16+ to sign up. Any questions please feel free to contact Francis Keane on 086-3977872. Ext 6.

Covid-19 Pandemic: Thankfully, the numbers have started to reduce, but sadly we are seeing more people dying from the virus. Please continue to act responsibly to minimise the risk of contracting the disease or infecting others. If you feel unwell in any way or if you have been in touch with a positive case, please isolate in your own home.

Trócaire Boxes: Trócaire boxes are currently available from the back of the churches. Please take one home with you this weekend. The Trócaire box reminds us that, even in these challenging times, there's someone else much worse off than me. Whatever you can give to Trócaire, it will make a massive difference.

SINCERE THANK YOU: To all who have dropped in their parish envelopes for the support of the parish. You can continue to drop Dues/Offertory Collection Envelopes into Fr Paul at the Parochial House in Dromahair (or to John McMorrow in Killargue). **Please do not leave Collection Envelopes in any of the three churches while unattended.** Thank you for your generosity & understanding.

RECENTLY DECEASED: **Dr Philomena McManus**, Manorhamilton, funeral took place in St Clare's Church on Friday, 5th March. **Maureen Murray (nee McSharry)**, Kilcloon, Co. Meath and late of Dromahair, whose funeral took place on Wednesday 3rd March. **Catherine Gordon (nee Connaughton)**. London & Newtowncashel, Co. Longford. Funeral took place on Monday 1st March in Ballaghaderreen.
May they Rest in Peace. Amen.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, DROMAHAIR:

1. **Mass: No Mass on Monday's;** Tuesday at 8.00pm; Wednesday at 9.30am & Holy Hour at 8.00pm; Thursday at 8.00pm; Friday at 8.00pm; Saturday (Vigil Mass) at 8.00pm; Sunday at 11.15am.

To access the webcam please type the following in your search engine. www.churchtv.ie then click on *County Leitrim icon, and then, click on the Dromahair icon, then click play.*

2. **Pray for:**

Jim Kelly, Gortgarrigan, & his parents **Thomas & Kate Ann Kelly. Annie & Packie McKenna**, Carrickacrochery. Anniv. Mass on Saturday 6th March at 8.00pm (*streamed live*).

Eddie & Clara Boylan, Cornalaughta. **Michael Cunningham**, Dundrum & Fawnlion. Anniversary Mass on Sunday 7th March at 11.15am (*streamed live*).

Jarlath Conry. Carrickcroghery. Anniv Mass on Tuesday 9th March at 8.00pm (*streamed live*).

Mark Ward. Monaghan. Memorial Mass on Wednesday 10th March at 9.30am (*streamed live*).

Kieran McDermott, Sligo. **Jim Wilkinson**, Cavan. 5th Anniv Mass on Thurs 11th Mar at 8.00pm

Betty McTernan. Moragh. Anniv Mass on Friday 12th March at 8.00pm (*streamed live*).

John McGowan & Deceased Family Members, Gretnafarna, **Shane Flanagan**, Calry. (Vigil) Mass on Saturday 13th March at 8.00pm (*streamed live*).

James Fowley. Corraghaun Anniversary Mass. **John & Ann Kelly**. Memorial Mass on Sunday 14th March at 11.15am (*streamed live*).

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Act of Spiritual Communion

(For those watching mass via the webcam. Please pray this prayer with Fr Paul before the final prayer of the Mass.)

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Killargue First Responder Group: This new group is up and running and working towards purchasing an AED for the Killargue area. The group is small at present and would welcome volunteers from across the Killargue area to be trained as First Responders. Training will be free and be provided by Enda McLoughlin. For info please, contact the Chair, John Glynnmartin, 086-8565649, Anita Gilbride, Sec. on 089-4466369.

Clothing collection facility in The Depot Gate. Open all day, every day. New and used clean clothing, shoes (pairs, clean), handbags & leather belts, blankets, bed-linen, curtains. **We don't accept** - No duvets, pillows or cushions, toys, electrical items, CD or Videos, household items or Bric-a-brac. Once again, **THANK YOU** for your support and co-operation.



