

DROMAHAIR – KILLARGUE – NEWTOWNMANOR

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Sunday 7th June 2020 – Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

Three in one, one in Three!

Today is not day to worry about maths, numbers or numerical puzzles. Today is not a day to try and figure out the reality of the Trinity with our heads or brains. Yes, the Trinity is a *mystery*. But it is not a mystery that can be solved, proven or understood, even with all our technology and computers! We can't simply 'google' the Trinity, it doesn't work that way!

Mystery

The word '*mystery*' is used a lot when we talk about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, indeed in many other Catholic teachings and doctrines. So, if it is not a mystery in the same way that a crossword is a mystery, what are talking about? In the Christian context, a mystery is a reality so deep and profound that the more we pray about it and reflect upon it, it will never be exhausted and it will always reveal to us and show us more about God and our relationship with God. The Trinity is a phrase that we use as a way of talking about the energetic and dynamic relationship between, God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. We can pray and talk about the Trinity all we can, but we will never exhaust it. We can drink from the well that is the Sacred Trinity, but it will never run dry!

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

When were baptised and became a member of God's family, it was done in the name of the Trinity. We were baptised in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. When we begin our prayers, whether alone or in church with others, we do so in the name of the Trinity by making the Sign of Cross.

The Trinity is in our blood!

Through the Trinity, God creates us, Jesus saves us and the Holy Spirit encourages us. The Trinity is a powerful, life-giving and dynamic part of our faith and prayer life.

Loving and Compassionate God, you sent your Son to bring us truth and your Spirit to strengthen us. Through them we come to know the mystery of your life. Help us to follow you, One God in Three. Grant this through Jesus your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

CHURCH REOPENING - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE:

Thank God, over the last two months, our parish churches have remained open, and we are *hugely grateful* to our three sacristans, Pauric, James and John.

It was great to hear the good news on Friday evening last, that all going well, public worship may resume in our churches as from 29th June 2020. As in keeping with health official guidelines, numbers allowed in our churches at any one time will continue to be restricted.

We are looking for 4 volunteers from each church area, who would be available for about 1 hour per week, maybe a Saturday afternoon, to help with the sacristan in cleaning the church seats, door handles in preparation for weekend masses.

If you could help-out, *I would appreciate if you could* contact the sacristan in your church area **this coming week** to arrange a time that suits. Thanks, Fr Paul.

James Boylan, Newtownmanor Church. 071-9164136

Pauric Watters, Dromahair Church. 071-9164898

John McMorro, Killargue Church. 087-2422856

Recently Deceased: Aodh O'Connail, Rockvalley, Dromahair whose funeral took place on Tuesday 2nd June.
May he Rest in the Peace.

A MASSIVE THANK YOU TO all those who have dropped offertory, dues and their Trócaire contributions into my house or have given them to me in person. Your support and generosity towards the parish in these difficult times, is very much appreciated. Thanks again. Fr Paul.

ACCORD: If you need to speak to an experienced Couples and Relationship Counsellor, please contact 01 531 331 open 9am to 8pm Monday to Friday.

URGENT: OUR TROCAIRE BOXES ARE NEEDED: Every year Trócaire asks for your help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world. This year, of course, it was not possible to return Trócaire boxes through schools or parishes in the usual way. This is the worst possible timing coming just as the world's poorest people need us most. Therefore, Trócaire are appealing to you to return your Lenten donation. Simply count or estimate what is in your box and donate in the following ways:

1. Online at www.trocaire.org
2. By phone: 1850 408 408 (ROI) or 0800 912 1200 (NI)
3. By post to Trócaire, Maynooth, Co. Kildare (ROI) or Trócaire, 10 King Street, Belfast, BT1 6AD (NI)
4. Check with your local parish on how to safely return your donation.

The contents of each and every Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, DROMAHAIR:

1. **Mass: No Sunday or Weekday Mass until further notice.**

CHURCH OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, NEWTOWNMANOR:

1. **Mass: No Sunday or Weekday Mass until further notice.**

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, KILLARGUE:

1. **Mass: No Saturday (Vigil Mass) or Weekday Mass until further notice.**
2. **Eucharistic Adoration: Cancelled until further notice.**
3. **Killargue 'Old' Cemetery:** A sincere 'Thank you' to those who volunteered to cut the grass in the Old Cemetery and to those who cut the grass there as well as in the Church Grounds, around the Parochial House and at the Holy Well. Hopefully, the RSS workers will be able to resume work soon. If not, hopefully the volunteers who were not needed on this occasion will be available again, if required. Míle Buíochas.

Kilmore Diocesan 'Virtual' Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday, the 21st of June

Pilgrims are welcome to join the afternoon ceremonies from their homes. The schedule for the afternoon will include the praying of the Rosary at 2.30pm, followed by Mass and Benediction at 3pm. In advance of the day, pilgrims may place their petitions online on the Knock Shrine website and these will be placed on the altar for the Mass. Many pilgrims light candles for loved ones and their intentions during their visit to Knock Shrine and this service is also available online. A candle will be lit at the outdoor candelabra for each request received. The pilgrimage will be streamed live on www.knockshrine.ie and Radio Maria (Saorview TV Channel 210) will also broadcast the pilgrimage.

The Blessing of the Graves: Due to Covid-19 and keeping with the government and health official's advice, our annual blessing of the graves will not take place this July as in other years. However, we hope to have the blessing later in the summer when circumstances will permit them to be truly a family and community celebrations.

Community Notice: Anyone interested in being a CE worker in Dromahair community park? Duties include landscaping, light maintenance, painting, general upkeep of area and buildings. Contact 086-6088659 for further info. 19.5 hrs. per week. Check with local Intreo office for eligibility details.

