

# DROMAHAIR – KILLARGUE – NEWTOWNMANOR

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## Sunday 10th May 2020 – 5th Sunday of Easter

### Our Winter, Nature's Summer

In April 2020 the swallows return to an empty land.  
While the virus rages down below,  
The swallows wheel and chirrup overhead,  
Exultant from their long trip.  
Feeding voraciously on insects bloomed out by warm weather.  
So as Nature enters its Spring and Summer,  
We shut our doors, stop shaking hands, set distance between us.  
And wonder when our Winter will end.  
Will it end at the end of April when the cuckoo booms out its fluted call?  
No, not yet.....  
Will it end in May when mayflowers spark marshy fields with yellow flash?  
No, not yet.....  
Will it end when the day light hours meet the new midnight moon in June?  
No, not yet.....  
Will it end in August at the Holy Well in Killargue,  
When trees bend heavy low with their mantle green.  
Hoping to give shelter to the yearly Mass for Our Lady?  
Maybe, maybe.....  
And in September when swallows close up their nests and leave behind  
Cooler evenings, darkened with the prophetic sigh of Winter.  
Will this awful virus end?  
Who knows.....  
But for certain when October ends and Nature's Winter is set to begin.  
When we think life will hold no more gladness, no happy miracles.  
In October 2020 there will be two rare, full moons.  
One of them blue on that last day, Halloween, when the virus is gone.  
And then, we will open our doors, shake hands, hug and let light in.  
And our Summer will have begun.

(by Bernadette Feeney, Killargue)

**Recently Deceased:** **Rose Frances Kelly**, Sweetwood, whose funeral took place in Killargue on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2020. **Derek McCullagh**, The Wirrell, Liverpool & formerly of Belhavel, Killargue, who died on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020. A Memorial Mass for Derek will be celebrated in Killargue at a later date.

**May they Rest in the Peace.**

**A Sincere 'Thank You':** To those who phoned, sent cards or left messages of encouragement on my phone over the last month. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated in these difficult times. Thanks also to all who continue to support the parish by dropping their parish envelopes in through my letter box. Let's continue to keep safe, look out for each other and together we will get there. Thanks. 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

## **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:** Now in the beginning of the growing season, the cemetery will need maintenance. **Due to the COVID-19 restrictions the RSS workers are not on duty.** One person has already kindly volunteered to cut the grass. If you have a strimmer, perhaps one or two more people could volunteer to help him. In this regard, please note that HSE guidelines regarding social distancing etc., must be adhered to. **Thank you.**

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.

Link to St. Clare's Church, Manorhamilton, webcam - <https://churchtv.ie/st-claire-manorhamilton.html>

### **The Blessing of the Graves-important message**

In many parishes there is a tradition of holding Cemetery Masses and Cemetery Sundays during the months of June and July. Often, these are very large gatherings accompanied by community and family events. With the possible exception of relatively small events, there would be great difficulty in ensuring social distancing in transport to and from the cemetery, with parking, with entering and leaving the cemetery and in monitoring possible large gatherings around particular family graves.

I appreciate that for many families a Cemetery Mass would be a first opportunity to gather, especially if funerals have had to take place in the current restrictions.

However, I would strongly suggest that all Cemetery Masses should be postponed until later in the summer, when circumstances will permit them to be truly family and community celebrations. In the meantime, it is important that, people have ordered access to Cemeteries to be able to remember and pray for their deceased loved ones.

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**Anniversary Masses and memorial Masses:** That have been booked and because of Covid-19 were unable to be celebrated, can be rearranged when we are able to gather for Mass in our Churches. Please contact Fr Paul to rearrange those Masses when it is safe again. Thank You.

**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. **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**

**A Message from Trócaire:** This time of year, we would usually get back tens of thousands of boxes. Please hold onto your boxes until further notice and they can be returned to your churches when it is safe for people to do so. You can also donate online or over the phone. Online donations can be made at <https://www.trocaire.org/donate/make-a-donation>

**St. Angela's College, Sligo:** is inviting applications for a Part-Time Certificate in Religious Education (Primary) Course. The course is open to Qualified primary school teachers; Qualified post-primary school teachers who wish to transfer to primary school teaching. Parents, sacramental preparation teams and parish catechists who have a specific interest in the area of primary religious education may also apply. Closing date for Applications is Friday 15th May 2020. For further information contact Mary Kearns [mkearns@stangelas.nuigalway.ie](mailto:mkearns@stangelas.nuigalway.ie)

