

Dromahair ~ Killarque ~ Newtownmanor

Sunday 13th December 2009 ~ Third Sunday in Advent

We are currently celebrating the **Season of Advent** ~ a time of conversion and new hope.
This Third Sunday of Advent is also called **Gaudete Sunday** ~ a Sunday to rejoice as the Birth of Our Saviour draws near.

What preparation are we making for the Coming of Jesus into our lives?

Thanks to all who contributed to the Diocesan Collection which was taken up last weekend for the victims of recent flooding in Ireland.

The following amounts were raised: Dromahair: €1,322; Killarque: €580; Newtownmanor: €840.

Total: **€2,742.** Proceeds have been forwarded for channeling through St. Vincent de Paul.

Apologies to churchgoers in Killarque who did not get pre-notice of the collection the previous Saturday due to late down – loading of details of the Diocesan arrangements.

Should anyone still like to make a contribution in Killarque or any of the other church areas, please put it in an envelope marked **Flood Relief** and hand it in with the Offertory Collection next Sunday.

Thanks for your unfailing generosity!

GENERAL / CHURCH NOTICES.

[A] A Date for your Diary:

The Christmas **Communal Service of Reconciliation / Penitential Rite** for all areas of the parish will take place in Dromahair Church on Tuesday 22nd December at 8.00pm.

We will try to create a friendly atmosphere with candle light and music and we would like everyone to feel at ease.

There will be a short period of quiet preparation together when each of us can concentrate on a major failing that takes away from the quality of Christian life.

You won't be kept long but it is important to be on time and wait until the very end for a short act of Penance together.

Please leave time in your schedule for this important preparation for Christmas

[B] Carol Service: This year we join the parishioners of **Drumlease Parish ~ Church of Ireland ~ Dromahair** at 7.00pm on **Sunday 20th December** for the annual **Carol Service**.

All cordially invited to this festive ecumenical event. Do come along!

[C] Advance Notice ~ Times for Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve ~ Thursday 24th December :

Newtownmanor ~ 7.00pm; Killarque ~ 9.00pm & Dromahair 10.30pm ~ not quite midnight!

Christmas Day ~ Friday 25th December:

Newtownmanor ~ 10.00am; Killarque ~ 10.30am; Dromahair ~ 11.15am.

[D] Choir Practice ~ Killarque: Monday 14th December at 8.00pm

Dromahair: Wednesday night, 16th December, at 8.00pm.

Newtownmanor: Thursday night, 17th December, at 8.30pm.

[F] Majella Boylan - Garry (Barna, Galway) will be remembered at Mass at 12.00noon on Saturday 19th December in St. Patrick's Church, Dromahair. Her ashes will be interred in the Abbey New Cemetery afterwards. This is also the Month's Memory Mass for her father, **Padraig Boylan.**

May they rest in peace!

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, DROMAHAIR.

1. **Mass: Monday 9.30am; Tuesday 9.30am; Wednesday 9.30am; Friday 8.00pm; Saturday 12.00 noon; Sunday 11.15am.**

2. **Pray for:-**

Paddy Downey, Dromahair, Anniversary Mass Sunday 13th December at 11.15am.

Gilmartin family, Grange, Anniversary Mass Monday 14th December at 9.30am.
 Pat & Mary Hannon, Kevin & Pa Mc Sharry, Mass Tuesday 15th December at 9.30am.
 Patrick & Kathleen McGoldrick, Killananama, Mass Wednesday 16th December at 9.30am.
 Noreen Whitfield, Drumlease Rd, Anniversary Mass Friday 18th December at 8.00pm.
 Pdraig Boylan, Dublin & Dromahair, Month's Memory Mass, Saturday 19th December at 12.00 noon.
 Rose & Charles Clancy, Boggaun & John & Patrick, Mass Sunday 20th December at 11.15am.
May they rest in peace.

CHURCH OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, NEWTOWNMANOR.

1. **Mass: Sunday 10.00am.**
2. **Pray for:-**
 Patsy Devaney, Corrycullen, Anniversary Mass Sunday 13th December at 10.00am.
 Teresa Loughlin, Moragh, Anniv Mass Sunday 20th December at 10.00am.
May they rest in peace

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, KILLARGUE.

1. **Mass: Monday & Tuesday 7.00pm; Friday 7.00pm; Saturday 12.00noon & Saturday ~ Vigil Mass ~ 7.00pm.**
2. **Pray for:-**
 Margaret & John James Kelly, Lisgorman, Anniversary Mass Saturday 12th December at 7.00pm.
 Betty McTernan, (sister-in-law of Mary Alice Kelly). Mass Monday 14th December at 7.00pm.
 Dora & Francie McGoey, Annaghboy, Mass Tuesday 15th December at 7.00pm.
 Annie, David & Michael Mellett and deceased family, Mass Friday 18th December at 7.00pm.
 Jack McGovern, Killargue, Mass Saturday 19th December at 12.00noon.
 Michael & Mary Louise McGowan, Killargue and Joe & Elizabeth McGowan, Corratavy, Mass Saturday 19th December at 7.00pm.
May they rest in peace

Community Notices.

1. **Dromahair Bingo every Monday Night in the Blue Devon Function Room at 9.00pm.**
 All lines €30, except games 5 & 10 which are €50; all houses €100 and last game €200.
 Excellent prizes for the Raffle. **Come along and support your local bingo!**
2. **Progressive 25-Card Game:** Every Friday night at 9.00pm in the Manor Hall. A great night out
3. **Cake Sale in the Depot this Sunday 13th December at 12.00 noon.** Proceeds will go to the **Dromahair Fun Run** in aid of STOP. Your support is appreciated.
4. **Christmas Concert** with **Four Part Choir** & **Carols for all the Family** in the Glens Centre Manorhamilton at 8.30pm on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th December 2009.
 Programme also includes champion musicians and dancers plus dramatic sketches.

Thanks to all who contributed to the Sunday Offertory Collection and the Dues during 2009

Offertory Collection = Day -to-day upkeep of each church, repair and refurbishment of parish buildings, churches and the running expenses of the relevant parish area during the year.

Dues = Support and upkeep for the priests of the parish during the year.

Tax Relief for Donations to Eligible Charities and Approved Bodies.

Under this **Tax Relief Scheme** our parish is eligible to claim back a percentage of the tax paid by parishioners on their church contributions: all collections and dues.

If you are a PAYE worker and contribute to your parish, please take home a copy of the **CHY2 Cert** ~ a **white Revenue Form** ~ which you'll find at the back of your church.

Fill in the relevant sections according to the instructions in the **letter from the parish**, which accompanies it ~ **a yellow page**. Please return immediately as indicated.

Thanks for your help and continuing generosity!

Any tax repaid by Revenue goes to Parish Funds and not to the priests.

Forms need to be in next weekend ~ preferably earlier ~ to allow time for processing before Christmas!