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**Sunday 14th January 2024 – The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**DROMAHAIR – KILLARGUE - NEWTOWNMANOR**

***‘The Wonder of the Word’* by Fr Vincent O’Hara**

On Sunday 21st January, Teresa O’ Boyle from Calry, will speak at all Masses about the recently published book- ***‘The Wonder of the Word’*** by Fr Vincent O’Hara which will be on sale after Mass.

Fr Vincent, a Carmelite Priest, has served in various Carmelite Communities in Ireland and England over the past 52 years, is a native of Calry. His book which was launched on 17th December 2023, has been printed and published by the Avila Carmelites at no cost. *All proceeds from this publication will go towards four schools in Kolkata (Calcutta), which Fr Vincent has been supporting over the past 30 years.*

**Your support for this worthy cause would be greatly appreciated.**

**Something to Ponder On**

We can learn four powerful lessons in today's gospel, about how to live as Christians, in today's world.

***Be humble.***

***Go when called,***

***Meet people where they are,***

***Tell people what you have found.***

John was humble when he pointed out Jesus, to his disciples. It's all too easy to get caught up in yourself, but others come first and so does God.

The two disciples took their opportunity, they heard what John said and followed Jesus. There are some things that you may only be given a few moments to do, smiling and dropping a few coins into the beggars hat or stopping to help a broken down motorist. You never know, God may intend for them to notice the cross around your neck.

When Jesus was asked **'Where do you live?**' he just said, **'Come and see'**. Jesus' message was going to be new to the two disciples, so he went somewhere quiet and spent the day talking to them. He started with love and friendship, demonstrating to them what he was about to start teaching them.

Finally, **the first thing Andrew did after meeting Jesus was to introduce his brother to Jesus**. We all have it in us, to bring people to God, not by shouting the bible from street corners, but by the way we live our lives and treat our friends.

Whether you work in a school, prison, hotel, an office or your home, you'll meet strangers and friends every day. **Be humble**, Go when they call, meet them where they are and tell them what you have found.

***John Scanlon (***[***www.deaconjohn.co.uk***](http://www.deaconjohn.co.uk)***)***

**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.

**Recently Deceased: Paudge Feehily,** McDermott Terrace,Manorhamilton, father of Karen and brother of Mary, Cloonlougher, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday 6th January. **Eamonn Donoghue,** Belhavel, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday 2nd January. **Mary Alice Kelly,** Killargue, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Sunday 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:**

**Francis & Bridget O’Connor,** Shriff. **Mary Loughlin,** Drumlease. Mass on Sun 15th Jan at 11.15am.

**Josie Ward,** Station Road.Memorial Mass on Wednesday 17th January at 9.30am.

**Annamai Smith,** Drumlease. Mass on Friday 19th January at 8.00pm.

**Brendan McMorrow,** ‘Sancta Maria’, Fivemilebourne. ***Months Memory* & Dr Michael Carney,** Dromahair. Mass on Sunday 21st January at 11.15am.

#### May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.

1. **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.

### Pray for:

### Jim Dolan. Dublin & Corraghaun. Memorial Mass on Sunday 14th January at 10.00am.

### Michael Dolan, Cornalaughta. Mass on Thursday 18th January at 8.00pm (Adoration after Mass)

### Paddy McGowan, Kinlough. Memorial Mass on Sunday 21st January at 10.00am.

#### May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.

1. **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:**

**Special Intention** and **David Mellett & Deceased Family Members.** (Vigil) Mass on Saturday 13th January at 8.00pm.

**Derek McCullagh,** Sweetwood,Drumduffy and Liverpool. Mass on Tuesday 16th January at 8.00pm

**James & Agnes Feehily,** their son **Paudge (recently deceased)** & daughter in law **Teresa,** Cloonlougher & Manorhamilton**. Alphonsus & Elizabeth Lynch,** Dublin.(Vigil) Mass on Sat 20th Jan at 8pm.

#### May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.

1. **Liturgy for January:** Readers – Bernadette Feeney (Curry) & Josie Feeney; Collector; Brian Dolan; Altar Society – Marianne Feeney.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18 – 25 January 2024**

**‘You shall love the Lord your God … and your neighbour as yourself’. (Luke 10:27)**

The theme, leading to the parable of the Good Samaritan, ***helps us to recognise that the love of Christ unites all Christians and is stronger than their divisions.***

**Prayer for Christian Unity.**

O gracious Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that we all may be one as you are one. In your community of complete unity, we have our beginning and our end. To you we pray, asking for the gift of visible unity among all who believe in your Christ.

As we commemorate this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we are reminded by your Word that all human beings are our neighbours, and that we are to love them, like ourselves and in the same way we love you. Help us to overcome the barriers and divisions, we have nurtured against your will. Grant to us, O Lord, a new Spirit of love and solidarity, that we may proclaim your good news to all of creation.

We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirt are one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**