

## ***Dromahair ~ Killargue ~ Newtownmanor***

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2008 ~ The Third Sunday of 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 preparations are we making to celebrate the Coming of Jesus into our lives?**

### **An Important Date for Your Diary**

The Christmas **Communal Service of Reconciliation / Penitential Rite** for all areas of the parish will take place in Dromahair Church this Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, at 8.00pm.  
We will try to create a friendly atmosphere with candlelight and music and we would like everyone to feel at ease.

**There will be a short period of quiet preparation together and each of us can concentrate on one major failing that takes away from the quality of the Christian life we try to lead.**

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.**

### **GENERAL / CHURCH NOTICES.**

#### **[A] Another Date for your Diary**

There will be a Festive Inter-Church **Carol Service** at **6.00pm next Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> December**, in St. Patrick's Church, Dromahair. We will be joined by the parishioners of Drumlease Parish Church.  
**Please support this community Christmas Celebration.**

#### **[B] Advance Notice ~ Times of Christmas Masses**

**Christmas Eve ~ Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2008**

**Newtownmanor ~ 7.00pm; Killargue ~ 9.00pm; Dromahair ~ 10.30pm.**

**Christmas Day ~ Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2008**

**Newtownmanor ~ 10.00am; Killargue ~ 10.30am; Dromahair ~ 11.15am.**

**[C] Choir Practice ~ Dromahair:** This Wednesday night, 17<sup>th</sup> December, at 8.30pm. A full attendance is essential. **Please! Please! Please be there!**

**Choir Practice ~ Newtownmanor:** This Wednesday night also, 17<sup>th</sup> December, at 8.30pm.

**[D] Feeling isolated? Depressed?** The Samaritans are ready to listen **24 hours** a day, **365 days** a year. **Tel: 1850 60 90 90.** And if you are hard of hearing ring: **1850 60 90 91.**

**[E] Given below are amounts for the Pope's Collection:** - **Dromahair ~ €405 [€590];**  
**Newtownmanor ~ €180; [€315]; Killargue ~ €535[€450]. Total: €1,120 [€1,355].**

**And here are the amounts for the Mission Collection:** - **Dromahair ~ €620 [€915];**  
**Newtownmanor ~ €440 [€615]; Killargue ~ €590 [€625]. Total: €1,650 [€2,155].**  
**Amounts for last year are given in brackets.**

**[F] We remember:** **Bridie O' Kelly, Drumloona, Drumela, Carrigallen [mother of Caroline Lynch, Larkfield, Killargue] whose funeral took place last Sunday. May she rest in peace.**

### **ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, DROMAHAIR.**

**1. Mass: Monday 9.30am; Tuesday 9.30am; Friday 8.00pm; Sunday ~ 11.15am.**

2. Pray for:-

**Paddy Downey**, Dromahair, Anniversary Mass Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 11.15am.

**Molly Mc Andrew**, Mass Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am.

**All the Faithful Departed/November Lists**, Mass Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am.

**Kitty Diamond**, Drumlease, First Anniversary Mass Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 8.00pm.

**Gerard Madden**, Market St, his parents **Aileen & Paddy and Bernard Mc Garrell**, Anniversary Mass Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am.

**Teresa Loughlin**, Moragh, Anniversary Mass Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 10.00am.

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**ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, KILLARGUE.**

1. **Mass: Monday 7.00pm; Tuesday 7.00pm; Thursday 7.00pm; Saturday ~ Vigil Mass ~ 7.00pm.**

2. Pray for:-

**Margaret & John James Kelly**, Lisgorman, Anniversary Mass Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm.

**Michael McKenna**, Cashel, The Rock, Anniversary Mass Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm.

**Deceased of the Higgins Family**, Gortnacarkogue, Anniversary Mass Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm.

**Dora & Francie Mc Goey**, Annaghboy, Anniversary Mass Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm

**Jack McGovern**, Blackgardens, Killargue, Anniversary Mass Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm.

*May they rest in peace.*

**Community Notices.**

1. **Support your Local Bingo every Monday night in the Abbey Manor Hotel at 9.00pm sharp. Excellent extra prizes in the run –up to Christmas**
2. **Dromahair Development ~ Depot Office Hours:** Monday 10.30am – 1.30pm; Friday 10.30am – 1.30pm. All bookings should be made at these times. Please book as far as possible in advance.
3. **Progressive -25 Card Game:** At 9.00pm every Friday night in Newtownmanor Hall. Come along each Friday for a great night of entertainment! **All welcome!**
4. **Beginners' Computer Course ~ starting after Christmas:** Contact Pat at 086 0608731. You must be in full / part-time employment or self-employed and have a PRSI number.
5. **Please be conscious of the security of personal belongings at and during Church Services ~ particularly at Christmas. In some areas handbags left in cars are being targeted by thieves and handbags left on church seats are being stolen during Holy Communion.**

**Rainbow Programme**

This Programme supports children and teenagers who have experienced the loss of a parent through separation or death and is facilitated by specially trained caring adults.

The next Programme begins in the New Year and runs on Tuesday evenings from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

Enrolments need to be made as soon as possible ~ for organizational purposes. There is no cost.

Contact St. Michael's Family Life Centre, Church Hill, Sligo at 071 9170329

***Thanks to all who contributed to the Sunday Offertory Collections and the Dues during 2008.***

**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.

***The discontented child cries for toasted snow.*** Arab Proverb.