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Sunday 15th August 2021 – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Today’s Gospel Reflection – The slow work of God

‘Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be. Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.’ (Pierre Teilhard de Chardin)

These beautiful words from French philosopher *Pierre Teilhard de Chardin SJ* speak to the sometimes-tortuous experience of waiting. In it the author gives us permission to not have all the answers, *to allow our faith time to grow and develop*. Above all, he invites us to do that most difficult of things: **live in the present moment and surrender ourselves to God in that moment.**

This poem comes to mind as I think about today’s celebration of the **Feast of the Assumption**, when we recall Mary’s role in the life of Jesus and in salvation. In our Gospel extract we meet Mary, pregnant and celebrating with her relative Elizabeth. Given the circumstances, it would be understandable if she was unsure and fearful. Her future is uncertain, as is that of her soon-to-be-born son. **She cannot yet comprehend the enormity of what is to come. But Mary seems content to wait.** When Elizabeth proclaims Mary as ‘blessed’, Mary bursts into prayer, praising God for his greatness and for ‘looking upon his lowly handmaid’.

In modern terms, it is a lesson in prayer, mindfulness. When we find ourselves impatient, struggling to comprehend or to trust God’s ways, **let us turn to Mary who accepted** God’s plan with trust and hope, allowing it **all to unfold one step at a time.**

Recently Deceased: **Christina Redmond**, Market St., Dromahair, whose funeral took place on Saturday 7th August. **Kieran Finn**, Crossboy, Ballintogher. Funeral took place on Thursday, 5th August. **May they Rest in Peace. Amen.**

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Sunday 15th August 2021

Due to continuing COVID restrictions, there will be no Mass at the Holy Well in Killargue this year.

Water from the Holy Well will be blessed at the Vigil Mass in Killargue on Saturday 14th August at 8.00pm. Sincere thanks to the Rural Social Scheme who tidied up the roadway leading to the Holy Well and to the volunteers who tidied up around the Well itself, during the past week.

CONFIRMATION DATES POSTPONED: We have been advised that Confirmations planned for the month of August should not take place. On this advice, it is with sadness that we have to cancel the dates for Leckaun and Drumlease schools. New dates will be organized later in September.

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:**
Eddie Loughlin, Drumlease. **Dec members of the Clinton, Annie, John, Bridgie, Sean & Matt.** Mass on Sunday 15th August at 11.15am (*streamed live*).
John Brodie, Virginia, Cavan. Memorial Mass on Wednesday 18th August at 9.30am (*streamed live*).
Available for Intention. Mass on Friday 20th August at 8.00pm (*streamed live*).
Sean Carre, Market Street. Memorial Mass on Sunday 22nd August at 11.15am (*streamed live*).
May they Rest in Peace. Amen.
3. **Liturgy for August: Reader;** Michael Costello. **Collectors;** Padraig Watters & Frank McGowan. **Altar Society;** Helen McGoldrick.

CHURCH OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD, NEWTOWNMANOR:

1. **Mass:** Thursday at 8.00pm; Sunday at 10.00am.
2. **Pray for:**
Mary Kate & Patrick McTernan, Moragh, & their daughter-in-law, **Betty**. Sunday 15th Aug 10am.
Kathleen McGoldrick, Doonkelly. Memorial Mass on Thursday 19th August at 8.00pm.
Joe & Bridie Martin, Carrickfad. Anniversary Mass on Sunday 22nd August at 10.00am.
May they Rest in Peace. Amen.
3. **Liturgy for August: Reader;** Gabrielle Fowley. **Collectors;** Thomas Healy & Martin Dolan. **Altar Society;** Patricia Dolan & Angela Loughlin.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, KILLARGUE:

1. **Mass:** Tuesday at 8.00pm (followed by Rosary); Saturday (Vigil) at **8.00pm.**
2. **Pray for:**
Deceased of the Forde Family, Gortnacarkogue. Mass on Saturday 14th August at 8.00pm.
Private Intention. Mass on Tuesday 17th August at 8.00pm.
Deceased of the Judge Family, Tullinwillin. Mass on Saturday 21st August at 8.00pm.
May they Rest in Peace. Amen.
3. **Liturgy for August: Reader;** Monica Giblin. **Collectors;** Pat Kerins & Pat Flanagan. **Altar Society;** Kathleen Gallagher.

Recent Baptism

We welcome to the Christian Community – **Éabha Mae Doran**, daughter of Thomas and Mary, Gortatresk, who was baptised in St. Brigid's Church, Killargue on Saturday 31st July 2021.

COVID – 19

When attending Mass or any other liturgical celebration, please remember the following:

- Sanitise your hands when entering & exiting the church.
- Sit two meters apart within the church (with household groups seated together).
- Mask wearing is mandatory for all gatherings in a church.
- Please cooperate with the stewards on duty, they are there for your health & safety.
- Parishioners are discouraged from gathering outside the church or in the carpark after Mass.

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Killargue Market Sunday 15th August: First of the indoor markets planned to take place in Killargue Community Centre between 12.00pm and 4.00pm. Wide range of stalls including ceramics, antiques, handmade soaps etc. plus cream teas, coffees and squash on sale in the pop-up Hotspot Café. Please come along and support this initiative requested by respondents to the recent Killargue Community survey.

Win a Luxury Holiday: Dromahair Community are currently running an online fundraiser in aid of major pitch redevelopment at the Dromahair community park. There are two €20,000 Trailfinders vouchers to be won. Tickets €20 each or 3 for €50. Any support would be greatly appreciated. Buy your tickets now on www.winaluxuryholiday.ie.

