

DROMAHAIR – KILLARGUE - NEWTOWNMANOR

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15th December 2024 – 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

A Christmas Prayer

Give us, Lord Jesus, *the eyes of children*, to see your birth with Christmas wonder.

Help us to share in the songs of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the Wise Men.

Close the door on hate, **and open** the door of love, all over the world.

Let kindness come with every gift **and blessing** with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil, by the blessing Christ brings, **and teach** us to be merry with clean hearts.

May Christmas morning Make us happy to be your children, and Christmas evening, **bring us** to rest with grateful thought, forgiving and forgiven. **Amen.** (*Robert Louis Stevenson*)

Collection Envelopes for 2025

The Dues/Offertory/Special Collection Envelope boxes for 2025 are available for collection after Mass in all three churches this weekend. **Please collect your own box & your neighbour's.** On behalf of the Finance Committee & Fr Paul, a sincere **THANK YOU** to everyone for your continued support to the parish & to your priest. Some boxes will have new numbers.

Income & Expenditure Accounts for 2023 are now posted on church notice boards.

Arrangements for Christmas – 2024

Confessions for Christmas: A special community celebration of the sacrament of **'Forgiveness'** will take place at all our weekend Masses **next Saturday 21st December & Sunday 22nd December** to celebrate the importance of **'Forgiveness'** and to receive absolution for Christmas. Please pass the word around.

Christmas Eve Masses (Tuesday 24th December); Killargue at **7.00pm**. Dromahair at **9.00pm**.

Christmas Day Masses (Wednesday 25th December); Newtownmanor at **10am**. Dromahair at **11.15am**.

Christmas Ecumenical Carol Service:

In **St. Patrick's Church, Dromahair, this Sunday evening -15th December at 7.00pm.** Everyone is invited to join in this festive celebration. Refreshments afterwards in **'The Depot'**.

Christmas Visitation of the Sick and Housebound: Fr Paul will visit the Sick and Housebound on **Friday next - 20th December, at the usual times.** If you know someone who would like a visit and is not currently on the First Friday visitation list, please let him know. Telephone: 071-9164143.

Bishop Martin's Financial Appeal to Parishioners

Copies of Bishop Martin's letter to parishioners are available at the back of each church. **The key message is an appeal for an increase in the Offertory Collection,** to meet increased expenses in parishes and to contribute to the administration of the diocese. **The invitation is for an offering of €1 per day of the week, to a total of €7 per week. The current guideline rate of €3.50 per head per week, has not changed in over 20 years.**

Leckaun National School - are holding a **Christmas Carol Service in Newtownmanor Church** on **Wednesday 18th December at 7pm.** The pupils and teachers in Leckaun NS are busy practicing their Christmas carols for this special evening. There will be a **'Contribution Bucket'** at the door of the Church. **Refreshments afterwards in Newtownmanor Hall.** We wish to invite the community to join us on this special evening.

Killargue Community Development – Live Nativity: **Sunday next - 22nd December at 6.30pm, in Killargue Community Centre.** Carol Singing. Mulled wine. Mince pies for everyone. Treats for the children. Bumper raffle on the night. **Everyone welcome.**

Recently Deceased: **Paddy Fahy**, Cornamorriff, Killargue, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Brigid's Church, Killargue, on Wednesday 11th December. **Jack O'Loughlin**, Athlone and formerly of Tully, Dromahair, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday 13th December. **Tony McPartland**, Loughrea, Co. Galway, and formerly Manorhamilton (former Principal Teacher - Leckaun N.S.), whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday 14th December. **Tess Walpole (nee Hamilton)**, Corrasra, Killargue, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday 4th December. **Mary Keegan (nee Darcy)**, Greagnafarna, & Moneyduff, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday 7th December. **Paddy McGowan**, Tottenham, London and Dromahair who died recently.

May they all Rest in Peace. Amen.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, DROMAHAIR:

1. **Mass: No Mass on Monday's;** Wed at 9.30am; Friday at 8pm; Sunday at 11.15am.
2. **Pray for:**
Francis Downey, Main Street. **Annie & Michael Burns**, Mullagh. **Paddy McGowan**, Tottenham, London and Dromahair. Mass on Sun 15th Dec at 11.15am.
Special Intention. Mass on Wednesday 18th December at 9.30am.
Evelyn O'Connor, Drumlease. Mass on Friday 20th December at 8.00pm.
Tom Conlon, Aughameelta. **Brendan McMorrow**, Fivemilebourne Mass on Sun 22nd Dec at 11.15am.
May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.
3. **Liturgy for December:** Readers – Helen/Anna Sweeney; Collectors – Patrick McGoldrick & Mark Meehan; Altar Society – **Volunteers needed. Please contact Fr Paul or Brendan.**

CHURCH OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD, NEWTOWNMANOR:

1. **Mass: Thursday at 8pm (Adoration from 7.15pm to 8pm);** Sunday at 10.00am.
2. **Pray for:**
Jim Dolan, Corraghaun & Dublin. **1st Anniversary** Mass on Sunday 15th December at 10.00am.
John & Mary Harte, Gortnaskeagh. Mass on Thur 19th Dec at 8pm (**Adoration 7.15pm to 8pm**)
Hugh & Teresa Loughlin, Moragh. Mass on Sunday 22nd December at 10.00am.
May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.
3. **Liturgy for December:** Readers – Teresa & Sarah Rooney and Deirdre McGourty; Collectors – John Logue and Volunteers; Altar Society – Margaret Feehily.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, KILLARGUE:

1. **Mass: Tuesday at 8.00pm (Adoration 7.00pm to 8.00pm);** Saturday (Vigil) at 8.00pm.
2. **Pray for:**
Patrick & Alice Fitzpatrick, Boggaun. **Owen & Katie McBarron**, Kinawley, and their Deceased Children – Sean, Sr. Kate, Josephine & Philomena. Mass on Saturday 14th December at 8.00pm.
John & Mary Flynn. Mass on Tuesday 17th December at 8.00pm (**Adoration 7.00pm to 8.00pm.**)
David Mellett & Deceased Family Members. Mass on Saturday 21st December at 8.00pm.
May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.
3. **Liturgy for December:** Reader – Ryan Casey & Pauric Cullen; Collectors – Jimmy Harkin & Joe Walpole; Altar Society – Patricia Harkin & Carmel Loughlin.

A Gentle Reminder: As we are now in the month of **December**, could I ask that the **Dues & Offertory Collections for 2024** are brought up to date before the end of the year. Parishioners will receive a statement of their 2024 payments to the parish, in the new year. **However, only amounts received in the calendar year of 2024, will be included in this statement.**

Cheques for the Dues and November Offerings to be made payable to:

'Dromahair Killargue Priests Revenue Account' (IBAN: IE87 AIBK 9371 3400 8220 74).

Cheques for all other collections to be made payable to your local Church:

'Dromahair Church' (IBAN: IE07 AIBK 9371 3405 6971 82) or

'Killargue Church' (IBAN: IE13 AIBK 9371 3413 9200 55) or

'Manor Church' (IBAN: IE06 BOFI 9054 0811 4080 87).

Payments by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to the Bank Accounts/IBAN's outlined above are welcome. Please add your name for reference on our bank statements

Killargue Calendar - 2025: On sale this Saturday evening - 14th December and next Saturday 21st December, after 8.00pm Mass, in Killargue Church. Copies are also available from any member of Killargue Development Association. Price €10.

