

# DROMAHAIR – KILLARGUE - NEWTOWNMANOR

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**Sunday 16th July 2023 – The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Points to Ponder**

The words of Jesus do not all bear fruit. *Knowing this* did not stop Jesus from speaking, but he continued to **proclaim good news**, truth and life to any who would listen. I take care to review the measures by which I value my actions and words. I pray for the strength to continue speaking and acting - even in the absence of evident encouraging results.

**Truth is not determined by a majority**, but is scattered abroad, being recognised and valued by some. I ask God to help me to hear Jesus' word for me and to take it to heart.

Many biblical commentators see this parable as the basic metaphor of the whole Gospel. **The seed is the Word**, and **the Sower is God**, whose will can never be stopped. The seed falls on different types of ground, but the great majority certainly falls on good ground, and its fruit more than, makes up for the seeds that fall on more difficult ground. It is the parable of optimism, something which is often lacking in followers of the Gospel.

If I am a normal person, my heart contains all four sorts of ground, being more or less open to the Gospel message. **I ask for light** to see where *the hardness and the insecurity* lie and ask the Sower, that my life may bear abundant fruit.

Jesus' parables can heal us to hear and understand how things stand between God and ourselves. They are nuggets of grace **that test our heart's willingness** to surrender to the generosity of God.

When I come to pray, **do I have the soil of an open heart** toward Jesus and his teachings?

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**A Missionary Group from Bethlehem**, The Holy Land, will be visiting this parish on the weekend of **29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of July to sell religious articles** (Crucifixes, Rosary beads and Plaques) made out of olive wood in Bethlehem to help and support the poor Christians families, **any help you could give them it will be highly appreciated.**

**Kilmore Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock** - will take place on **Wednesday, the 9th of August 2023**, the Feast of St Felim, the Patron Saint of the Kilmore Diocese. Ceremonies will begin at 2pm with the outdoor Stations of the Cross and Rosary Procession. **The Celebration of Mass and the Anointing of the Sick will take place at 3pm. Bishop Martin Hayes will be the Main Celebrant.**

A special invitation is extended to all families from across the diocese.

## **Visitation & Blessing of Graves 2023**

**Newtownmanor:** Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August, beginning with Mass in Mary Mother of God Church, at **3.00pm**, followed by Blessing of Graves in **Newtownmanor Cemetery** immediately after Mass and continuing to **Carrickatemple Cemetery** for **4.30pm** approximately.

**Please note there will be no 10.00am Mass in Newtownmanor Church on that day.**

**There is a Special Cemetery Collection Envelope in the Newtownmanor boxes.** You may put your contribution in this envelope and hand it in at the **Cemetery Gates**. **Your contribution will go towards the upkeep of the cemeteries and also to help cover the short fall on Carrickatemple graveyard after works completed last year.** **Thank you for your generosity.**

**Recently Deceased:** **Edmond McQuaid**, Station Road, Dromahair, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Killenummery, on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July. **Rosaleen Walsh (nee McGowan)**, Glencar & Boston. Sister of Bernadette Banks, Newtownmanor. **Annie McHugh**, New York, and formerly of Gortermone, Killargue, whose funeral took place in New York on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July. **May they Rest in Peace. Amen.**

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

1. **Mass: No Mass on Monday's;** Wednesday at 9.30am; **No Mass on Friday at 8pm;** Sun at 11.15am.  
**Pray for:**  
**Peter & Mary O'Connor**, Roscommon, and their son **Anthony**, New York. Mass on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 11.15am.  
**Available for Intention.** Mass on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am.  
**No Mass on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 8.00pm.**  
**James Scott**, Drumlease. **Months Memory.** **James & Mary Ellen McTernan**, their son **Seamus** and their grandson **Gary**. **Zoey Rose Feehily**. Birthday Remembrance. Mass on Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 11.15am.  
**May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.**
2. **Liturgy for July: Readers** - Sadie Foley & Volunteer; **Collectors** - Tony Maguire & Volunteer. Altar Society – Angela Flanagan & Christine Burns.

### **CHURCH OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD, NEWTOWNMANOR:**

1. **Mass:** Thursday at 8pm; Sunday at 10.00am.
2. **Pray for:**  
**Annie & Bernard McGoldrick**, Corrigeencor. Mass on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 10.00am.  
**Breege Murphy (nee Dolan)**, Calry and Cornalaughta. Memorial Mass on Thur 20<sup>th</sup> July at 8pm.  
**John James Fowley**, Corraghaun. Anniversary Mass on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 10.00am.  
**May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.**
3. **Liturgy for July: Reader** - Eddie Mullarkey; **Collectors** - John Loughlin & Charlie McDermott; **Altar Society** – Mary Darcy & Breda Rooney.

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

1. **Mass: Tuesday at 8.00pm (Adoration from 7.15pm to 8.00pm);** Saturday (Vigil) Mass at 8.00pm.
2. **Pray for:**  
**Bernadette (Det) McNiffe**, Drumkeel. *Months Memory Mass* on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 8.00pm.  
**Fr John McTiernan on the Golden Jubilee of his Ordination.** Mass on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 8.00pm  
**(Adoration 7.15pm to 8.00pm).**  
**Tom & Mollie Hannon**, Gortgarrigan. **Kathleen & Paddy Joe Gallagher**, Corderry. (Vigil) Mass on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 8.00pm.  
**May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.**
3. **Liturgy for July: Readers** – Sile Boles & Ben Gilhooly; **Collectors** - Michael Hannon & Donal Gallagher; **Altar Society** – Bernadette Walpole.

**O'Rourke's Table Official Opening: Next Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, setting off up the trail at 2.00pm,** followed by celebrations on the summit. Music by **Jay O'Dee Country Band.** **Gerard Butler Dance** plus local artists and dancers. **Special guest – Nathan Carter.** Barbeque food on sale at the summit. **Admission is free but voluntary donations for the upkeep of the trail would be greatly appreciated on the day.**

**Sharon Loughlin Memorial Fun Run/Walk: Today Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023, starting from Newtownmanor Hall at 6.00pm.** Registration is from 5.00pm on the day. €10.00 per adult. €20.00 per family. Primary School Children go free. 5km and 8km to suit and challenge all comers. Proceeds in aid of The Motor Neuron Association. **Refreshments and Spot Prizes in the hall afterwards.**

**Heartiest Congratulations to Paul McDermott who celebrated his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July and completed four successful climbs of Croagh Patrick that same day;** Paul did this to raise funds for two local projects, that are close to his heart. His local Church here, in Newtownmanor, Mary, Mother of God, and also our local National School, Leckaun.

**We thank Paul (and his support team on the day) for their very kind generosity.**

**You can still support Paul in these worthy projects which benefits our community.**

**Paul's GoFundMe page – <https://gofund.me/c5447083>.**

