

DROMAHAIR – KILLARGUE- NEWTOWNMANOR

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Sunday 17th January 2021 – The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

COVID – 19 UPDATE

Due the country moving to Level 5 Public Health Restrictions with effect from Saturday 26th December 2020, there will be no public Masses celebrated in the parish until further notice.

Here is the schedule of Masses for the coming week which will take place, ‘behind closed doors’ in St Patrick’s Church, Dromahair:

Tuesday 8.00pm; Wednesday at 9.30am; Thursday at 8.00pm; Friday at 8.00pm; Saturday (Vigil Mass) at 8.00pm; Sunday at 11.15am.

All Masses will be streamed live via the church webcam: To access the webcam please type the following in your search engine. www.churchtv.ie then click on County Leitrim icon, and then, click on the Dromahair icon, then click play. Once the webcam is switched on, you will be able to follow the mass from your laptop, tablet, smart phone or IT device.

A Gentle Reminder: During this third period of public health restrictions, you may drop your Dues/Offertory Collection Envelopes into Fr Paul at the Parochial House in Dromahair (or to John McMorro in Killargue). **Please do not leave Collection Envelopes in any of the three churches while unattended.** Thank you for your generosity & understanding.

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Kelly, Lisacoghill, Drumkeeran, whose funeral took place on Wednesday 13th January. Lisa Steppe, Germany, Conaghill & St Phelim’s Nursing Home, who died recently.

May they Rest in Peace. Amen.

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, DROMAHAIR:

1. **Mass:** No Mass on Monday’s; Tuesday at 8.00pm; Wednesday at 9.30am; Thursday at 8.00pm; Friday at 8.00pm; Saturday (Vigil Mass) at 8.00pm; Sunday at 11.15am.

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2. **Pray for:**
David Mellett & Deceased Family Members. Anniv. Mass on Saturday 16th January at 8.00pm (via webcam).
P.J. Carney, Stonepark. Patrick & Kathleen McGoldrick, their son Brendan. Killanama. Mass on Sunday 17th January at 11.15am (via webcam).
Francis Downey, Dromahair Post Office, Josie Harkin & his brother Jimmy, Killavoggy. Mass on Tues 19th Jan at 8.00pm (via webcam)
Kathleen Fenton. Memorial Mass on Wednesday 20th January at 9.30am (via webcam).
Anna May Smith. Drumlease. Anniversary Mass on Thurs 21st Jan at 8.00pm (via webcam).
Lisa Steppe. Germany, Conaghill & St Phelim’s Nursing Home. Mass on Fri 22nd Jan at 8.00pm
Sr. Gretta Kelleher S.A., Graymoor, New York (1st Anniversary), her sister **Bernie Gaw,** Newtownards, & **Beatrice Gallagher,** Drumkeeran. Mass on Saturday 23rd January at 8.00pm.
Mary Loughlin. Drumlease. **Mattie Dolan & deceased family members,** Doonkelly. Mass on Sunday 24th January at 11.15am (via webcam).

May they Rest in Peace. Amen.

CHURCH OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, NEWTOWNMANOR:

Mass: No Mass until further notice (COVID-19 Level 5 restrictions now apply). Masses will be celebrated, 'behind closed doors' in Dromahair Church and are available to view via the church webcam.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, KILLARGUE:

Mass: No Mass until further notice (COVID-19 Level 5 restrictions now apply). Masses will be celebrated, 'behind closed doors' in Dromahair Church and are available to view via the church webcam.

Killargue Mass Readers: Would some of our regular Killargue Mass readers be willing to read at the 8.00pm Saturday evening (Vigil) Mass in Dromahair? Mass is celebrated '*behind closed doors*' & livestreamed via church webcam. Readers would be required to attend on no more than one Saturday per month, as a rota will be put in place. Please contact John McMorrow at 087 2422856, in this regard. New readers most welcome. Mile Buíochas.

Report by the Commission of Inquiry into Mother & Baby Homes.

We welcome the Report by the Commission of Inquiry into Mother & Baby Homes, though it makes incredibly shocking and sad reading. Nevertheless, it is reading that we must now engage with to come to an understanding of how such pain and suffering was endured by women and their children at the hands of Church, the State, their families (including the fathers of the children), and wider society. As Church we must take responsibility for our failure to exercise compassion and in not respecting the dignity of each person. In the words of Pope Francis, "*we ask forgiveness for the times that as a Church we did not show survivors of all kinds of abuse: compassion and the search for justice and truth through concrete actions. We ask forgiveness*"¹.

We must now study the Report¹ by the Commission of Inquiry into Mother & Baby Homes carefully, continue to find ways of reaching out to those whose personal testimonies are central to this Report and commit to doing what we can to help and support them. We need now to listen to those who were victims of abusive forms of institutionalization to bring about healing. We have come to realise, once again, how prejudicial attitudes result in bad actions which we now cannot comprehend as they defy any semblance of Christian charity.

While commentators differ regarding the findings of this Report, we as Church must acknowledge and take responsibility for not caring in the past for those women and their children in accord with Gospel values. We are now challenged to look to the loving compassion of Jesus Christ as our sole source of inspiration for our pastoral ministry.

We are called at this time, above all, to listen to those most affected, the children, now adults, and the stories of their mothers which reveal a shocking account of suffering as well as the deaths of infants who are now the silent witnesses to this tragedy, thus revealing a dark chapter in the history of our country. In really listening and taking to heart the pain of those who suffered we can afford healing. We are called to be part of a process of listening, learning and support to enable that healing to take place.

**+Martin Hayes,
Bishop of Kilmore.**

Act of Spiritual Communion

(For those watching mass via the webcam. Please pray this prayer with Fr Paul before the final prayer of the Mass.)

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.