

# DROMAHAIR – KILLARGUE - NEWTOWNMANOR

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Sunday 17th December 2023 – 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)*

## Arrangements for Christmas – 2023

**Confessions for Christmas:** A special community celebration of the sacrament of ‘**Forgiveness**’ will take place at all our weekend Masses **this Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December & Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December** to celebrate the importance of ‘**Forgiveness**’ and to receive absolution for Christmas.

**Individual Confessions will take place on Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec in Dromahair at 12noon to 1pm.**

**(Vigil) Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, in Killargue Church on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, at 8.00pm.**

**Please note that there will be no morning Mass on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December in either Newtownmanor Church at 10.00am or in Dromahair, Church at 11.15am.**

**Christmas Eve Masses (Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December):** Killargue at **7.00pm**. Dromahair at **9.00pm**.

**Christmas Day Masses (Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December):** Newtownmanor at **10am**. Dromahair at **11.15am**.

## Recent Baptisms

We welcome to the Christian Community: **Alice Loughlin**, daughter of Oliver & Breda, who was baptised in St. Brigid’s Church, Killargue, on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

**Live Crib and Carol Singing** - immediately after the 8.00pm Vigil Mass this Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December, at Killargue Community Centre. **Please come along. Everybody welcome.**

## Collection Envelopes for 2024

The Dues/Offertory/Special Collection Envelope boxes for 2024 are available for collection after Mass in all three churches. **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. Many boxes will have new numbers.

**Income & Expenditure Accounts for 2022 are now posted on church notice boards.**

**Recently Deceased:** **Sr Martina Hamilton**, Convent of Mercy, Ballyshannon, and formerly of Lisgorman, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday last - 15<sup>th</sup> December, in St. Clare’s Church, Manorhamilton. **Jim Rooney**, formerly of Buckhill, Killargue, who died in San Francisco, USA. Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Brigid’s Church, Killargue, on Thursday last - 14<sup>th</sup> December. **Jim Kelly**, Dundrum, Dublin, and formerly of Sox Line, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Thursday last – 14<sup>th</sup> December, in the Church of the Holy Cross, Dundrum.

**Norah McDonnell**, Culleens, Co. Sligo. Mother of Carmel Harvey, Drumkeel, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday last – 11<sup>th</sup> December, in the Church of St. Joseph, Castleconnor. **Josie Ward**, Station Road, Dromahair, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Killenummery, on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. *May they all Rest in Peace. Amen.*

### PATRICK'S CHURCH, DROMAHAIR:

1. **Mass: No Mass on Monday's;** Wednesday at 9.30am; Friday at 8.00pm; **No Mass on Sunday (Christmas Eve) at 11.15am.**
2. **Pray for:**  
**Frances Downey**, Main Street. **Evelyn O'Connor**, Drumlease. Anniversary Mass on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 11.15am.  
**Available for Intention.** Mass on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am.  
**Available for Intention.** Mass on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 8.00pm.  
**No Mass on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Eve) 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.*

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

1. **Mass:** Thursday at 8.00pm **(Adoration after Mass until 9.00pm); No Mass on Sunday (Christmas Eve) at 10.00am.**
2. **Pray for:**  
**Hugh & Teresa Loughlin**, Moragh. Mass on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am.  
**John & Mary Harte**, Gortnaskeagh. Mass on Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Dec at 8pm **(Adoration after Mass until 9pm)**  
**No Mass on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Eve) 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 and Sarah Rooney, Deirdre McGourty; Collectors – John Logue and Volunteers; Altar Society – Margaret Feehily and Mary Keegan.

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

1. **Mass:** **Tuesday at 8.00pm (Adoration 7.00pm to 8.00pm);** Saturday (Vigil) Mass at 8.00pm.
2. **Pray for:**  
**Available for Intention.** (Vigil) Mass on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 8.00pm.  
**Available for Intention.** Mass on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec at 8pm **(Adoration from 7.00pm to 8.00pm).**  
**Available for Intention.** Mass on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 8.00pm.  
*May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.*
3. **Liturgy for December:** Readers – Pauric Cullen and Ryan Casey; Collectors – Jimmy Harkin & Joe Walpole; Altar Society – Patricia Harkin & Carmel Loughlin.

**A Gentle Reminder:** As this is the month of December, could I ask that the **Dues & Offertory Collections for 2023 are brought up to date before the end of the year.** Parishioners will receive a statement of their 2023 payments to the parish, in the new year. However, only amounts received in the calendar year of 2023, will be included in this statement. **Cheques for the Dues and November Offerings** to made payable to

**'Dromahair Killargue Priests Revenue Account' (IBAN: IE87 AIBK 9371 3400 822074).**

**Cheques for all other collections to be made payable to your local Church i.e.,**

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

**'Killargue Church' (IABN: 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.**

A sincere **'Thank You'** to everyone for your generosity in supporting your parish in these times.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, again. Thank you, **Fr Paul.**

**Leckaun N.S.** Leckaun NS are having their annual Christmas Play in Newtownmanor hall on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> of December at 7pm.** There will be a voluntary donation bucket at the door. All donations will go towards activities such as LEGO and board games for our new outdoor classroom. *A sincere Thank You to the Parents Association and the Newtownmanor Development Committee for their great support.* Everyone Welcome.

