

DROMAHAIR – KILLARGUE- NEWTOWNMANOR

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Sunday 18th July 2021 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

Today's Gospel Reflection – Take a break

We all need a break sometimes. I remember once reading a selection of entries for a Mothers' Day competition, in which people were asked why their mother deserved to win a prize. They all had themes in common – she never does anything for herself; she's always thinking of other people; I can't remember the last time she took a break.

In today's Gospel, *the disciples need a break.* They have returned from their mission, eager to catch up with Jesus, but **there is so much happening** that they barely have time to eat. Jesus invites them to take a boat with him to a quiet place and rest for a while. But there is no time for rest, as the crowds have followed them on foot. Jesus is moved by them because they are *'like sheep without a shepherd'*. He is the Good Shepherd who always cares for his people, and he responds with compassion and love.

No doubt the disciples are drafted in to help: it turns out it is not break time! We can imagine their exhaustion. We all feel tired or overwhelmed from time to time, from work or family pressures or simply trying to balance everything. ***Postponing our own needs to care for others*** is familiar to every parent or caregiver. We don't know if the disciples got a rest at that point, but we know that Jesus valued time apart as he later sends the disciples off in the boat again while he goes away by himself to pray. **In the chaos of life, even when there are demands on our time and energy, it is important to take some time to reflect and to pray.**

Recently Deceased: **Mariea Kelly, (nee Dynes),** Castleblayney, Co. Monaghan. Mother of Pauline Devaney, Churchfield. Funeral took place Saturday, 17th July. **Winifred Alice Hand (nee McCann),** Co. Westmeath & formerly Glencar. Aunt of Seamus and Carmel Storey. Funeral took place in Glencar on Friday, 2nd July.

May she Rest in Peace. Amen.

First Communion and Confirmation: At the moment the Government restrictions do not affect our dates. They remain the same. **Leckaun N.S.** – **Saturday 14th August in Newtownmanor Church, at 11am.**

Drumlease N.S. - **Saturday, 21st August in Dromahair Church, at 11am.** **Holy Communion for Drumlease N.S. will take place on Saturday, 9th October at 11am.**

The Lough Derg Pilgrim Path on the lough shore is now open daily: The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option, and several information boards highlight features of particular interest. Leaflets are available at the Visitors Centre. A guided walk experience will be offered on Sunday 25th and Saturday 31st July, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. Further dates for these guided walks will follow for late August and early September. For bookings and further information email info@loughderg.org or telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518. www.loughderg.org. *Lough Derg Pilgrim Path, Pettigo, Co Donegal. F94 N289.* **A guided walk experience will be offered on Sunday 25th and Saturday 31st July, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting.** Further dates for these guided walks will follow for late August and early 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:**
Zoey Rose Feehily, Drumlease (5th Anniv). **James & Mary Ellen McTernan**, & their son, **Seamus**, & grandson, **Gary**. Mass on Sunday 18th July at 11.15am (*streamed live*).
Special Intention. Mass on Wednesday 21st July at 9.30am (*streamed live*).
Special Intention. Mass on Friday 23rd July at 8.00pm (*streamed live*).
Francis Harte, Kilcoosey. **Pat Crehan**, Clare. Mass on Sunday 25th July at 11.15am (*streamed live*).
May they Rest in Peace. Amen.
3. **Liturgy for July: Readers** - Sadie Foley & Volunteer; **Collectors** - Tony Maguire & Tom Conlon.
Altar Society - Mary McMahan.

CHURCH OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD, NEWTOWNMANOR:

1. **Mass:** Mass on Thursday at 8.00pm; Sunday at 10.00am.
2. **Pray for:**
Patsy Diamond, Cornalaughta. Anniversary Mass on Sunday 18th July at 10.00am.
Special Intention & Confirmation Preparation Mass on Thursday 22nd July at 8.00pm.
Mickey Loughlin, Gortnaskeagh. Anniversary Mass on Sunday 25th July at 10.00am.
May they Rest in Peace. Amen.
3. **Liturgy for July: Reader** - Eddie Mullarkey; **Collectors** - John Loughlin & Charlie McDermott; **Altar Society** - Mary Darcy.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, KILLARGUE:

1. **Mass:** Tuesday at **8.00pm** (followed by Rosary); Saturday (Vigil) at **8.00pm**
2. **Pray for:**
Sean Thornton, Cloonlougher, and **Deceased members of the Thornton & McGloin Families**, Anniv. Mass on Saturday 17th July at 8.00pm.
Available for Intention. Mass on Tuesday 20th July at 8.00pm.
Tom & Mary (Molly) Hannon, Gortgarrigan. Anniv. Mass on Saturday 24th July at 8.00pm.
May they Rest in Peace. Amen.
3. **Liturgy for July: Reader** - Silé Boles; **Collectors** - Michael Hannon & Donal Gallagher; **Altar Society** - Bernadette Walpole.

Sharon's Memorial Fun Run/Walk – 2021: Due to the continued Covid-19 restrictions, there will, once again, be no formal, communal, 'Sharon's Memorial Fun Run/Walk', this year. For those who wish to continue the commemoration, individuals can choose a time/place of their own to complete their 5K/8K run or walk between Sunday 4th July and Sunday 1st August. This year donations will go towards the Alzheimer Society of Ireland. Donations can be given to any of the following: Anne Dolan - Mob: 086-2242828; Geraldine Loughlin - Mob: 086-0566156; Maggie McLoughlin - Mob: 086-1782072; Pat Dolan - Mob: 086-0608731.

Killargue Funday Sunday Community Barbecue: Taking place on this SUNDAY 18TH JULY from 12.00 midday to 4.00pm. This event is for all ages and marks the re-opening of the Community Centre. Entry is FREE as are tea, coffee and squash. With a craft market, a barbecue, cakes and ice cream on sale and with information on the new Defibrillator group and the Digital Hub plus a bouncy castle and tee shirt painting for children there's something for everybody. This event is fully Covid compliant and hosted by Killargue Community Development Association, so please come along.

Leckaun N.S. Parents Association - would like to thank everyone for their donations to the recent clothes collection fundraiser. This was a great success, and this is down to the huge effort from all involved. A special thanks to Philomena Dolan and Niamh O'Brien also for all their assistance.

North-West STOP - invites you to greet the dawn in Sunrise for STOP any morning of the bank holiday weekend (31 Jul-02 Aug) to support their free counselling services throughout the Northwest. Sign up at: <https://www.njuko.net/sunrise-for-stop/>

The perfect family doesn't exist, nor is there a perfect husband or a perfect wife. It's just us sinners. A healthy family life requires frequent use of three phrases: "May I? Thank you, and I'm sorry" and "never, never, never end the day without making peace." **Pope Francis**

