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## ***Dromahair ~ Killargue ~ Newtownmanor***

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2011 ~ The Fourth Sunday of Advent.**

Today is the **Fourth and Final Sunday of Advent** ~ a time when we celebrate the faithful love of God revealed in history.

***In today's readings, we focus on Mary who responded most generously to that love. She is an example to us all as we prepare for Christ's coming among us at Christmas.***

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In our Masses on **Christmas Eve & Christmas Day** we celebrate the

**Mystery of the Incarnation** ~ the Son of God is born among us and as one like us.

With a Spirit of Hope & Joy we gather as a **Eucharistic people** to say thanks at our Christmas celebrations.

The Christmas **Communal Service of Reconciliation / Penitential Service** for all parish areas takes place in Dromahair Church **this Tuesday night, 20<sup>th</sup> December, at 8.00pm.**

The **Community Christmas Carol Service** takes place in **Drumlease Parish Church, Dromahair** today, **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December, at 7.00pm.**  
**Parishioners from all our church areas are cordially invited!**

### **GENERAL / CHURCH NOTICES.**

**[A] Times for Christmas Masses:**

***Christmas Eve ~ Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December***

***Newtownmanor ~ 7.00pm; Killargue ~ 9.00pm & Dromahair ~ 10.00pm.***

***Christmas Day ~ Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December***

***Newtownmanor ~ 10.00am; Killargue ~ 10.30am & Dromahair ~ 11.15am.***

**[B] IEC 2012:** Book Now to attend the **50<sup>th</sup> International Eucharistic Congress** which takes place in Dublin from the 10<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> June 2012. The **Opening Ceremony** takes place in the **RDS on 10<sup>th</sup> June** and there will be ceremonies each day from 11<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June, also in the RDS. The **Closing Ceremony** takes place in **Croke Park on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2012.** **Family Day** is on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June** and it is hoped that groups from the Diocese of Kilmore will attend on that day. Registration is on - line: [www.iec2012.ie/registration](http://www.iec2012.ie/registration) You can book for 7 days, for 3 days or for 1 day. You can attend as an individual, as a family or as a group. **Do not leave it to the last minute!** Read more about the different booking possibilities at [www.iec2012.ie](http://www.iec2012.ie) and book now

**[C] Fr. Gene Dowd extends Christmas good wishes to everyone.**

He deeply appreciates the cards and letters he has received and apologises that he is unable to answer them all personally.

**[D] Choir Practice ~ *Dromahair Church* ~ Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 8.00pm & also in *Newtownmanor Church* ~ Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 8.00pm.**

**[E] We remember: Gerry Mc Loughlin, Killargue** whose funeral took place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December.  
And **we remember too: Richard, Claire, Ben & Aaron Smith, Leeds** and we pray for their family as well.  
**May they rest in peace.**

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

**1. Mass: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30am; Friday 8.00pm;**  
**Saturday ~ Christmas Eve Mass ~ 10.00pm; Sunday ~ Christmas Day Mass ~ 11.15am.**

**2. Pray for: -**

**Paddy Downey, Dromahair, Anniversary Mass Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 11.15am.**

**James & Kathleen Gilmartin, Grange, Anniversary Mass Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am.**

**Nora McGoldrick, Dromahair & deceased family members, Mass Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am.**

**Bridie Reynolds (née Fenton) Alperton, Middlesex, Mass Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 9.30am.**

**Kitty Diamond, Drumlease, Anniversary Mass Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 8.00pm.**

**May they rest in peace.**

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

1. **Mass: Saturday ~ Christmas Eve Mass ~ 7.00pm; Sunday ~ Christmas Day Mass ~ 10.00am.**
2. **Pray for:-**  
**Teresa Loughlin, Moragh, Anniversary Mass Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am.**  
***May they rest in peace!***

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

1. **Mass: Monday 7.00pm; Saturday ~ Christmas Eve Mass ~ 9.00pm;**  
**Sunday ~ Christmas Day Mass ~ 10.30am.**
2. **Pray for:-**  
**James & Agnes Feehily, Cloonlougher, Anniversary Mass Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm.**  
**John McGowan & deceased of the McGowan family, Greaghnafarna, Mass Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm.**  
***May they rest in peace!***
3. **Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays 7.00pm – 8.00pm & Padre Pio Novena: First Tuesday after 7.00pm Mass**

### **Community Notices.**

1. **Bingo this Monday night at 9.00pm in The Blue Devon.** All lines €30, except games 5 & 10 which are €50.  
All houses €100 and last game €200. ***Your support is appreciated!***
2. **Progressive 25 Card – Game ~ Newtownmanor Hall:** Every Friday night at 9.00pm. New faces – young and old – most welcome. Come along for a night of great fun!
3. **Killargue Tennis Club ~ Christmas Party:** Annual Christmas Party in the Riverbank Restaurant on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 8.30pm. If you wish to attend, please contact Patty Reynolds at 086 - 8198230 or Kathy Travers - Kelly at 086 - 6065052.
4. **Drumlease NS Parents' Association:** Fundraising Cake Sale ~ from 12.00 noon on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December in the Depot. Your support would be most welcome.

### **Saint Vincent de Paul Collection.**

Thanks for your generous contributions to the special parish collection last week - end.  
If you still wish to make a contribution, please put it in an envelope clearly marked **Vincent de Paul** and hand it in with your offertory collection envelope!

### **Tax Relief for Donations to Eligible Charities and Approved Bodies.**

Thanks to all who returned the CHY2 Revenue Forms.

### **Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the Sunday Offertory Collections and the Dues during 2011.**

**Offertory Collection** = Day - to- Day upkeep of each church, repair & refurbishment of parish buildings, churches and the **running expenses of the relevant parish area** during the year.  
The Offertory Collection also makes a major contribution in topping up the shortfall in the **Diocesan Services Collection** from the parish.

**Dues** = Support and upkeep of **priests** in parish & Diocese.

Our local **Food – Stores** served us well during the last winter's severe weather ~ when travel was almost impossible.

We should support them coming up to Christmas and during the time ahead.

Gerry went to confession and told the priest that he had stolen pieces of wood from his place of work.

***How much did you take?*** asked the priest.

***Not much, Father,*** he replied, ***just enough to make a garage at the back of the house.***

***Now, Gerry,*** said the priest, ***you know that's not right***

***and for your penance I want you to make the Stations of the Cross.***

***What size, Father, do you want them,*** asked Gerry, ***so I can get the right wood.***