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Dromahair ~ Killargue ~ Newtownmanor

Sunday 19th December 2010 ~ 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 for us all as we prepare for Christ's coming among us at Christmas.

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 Carol Service** takes place in **St. Patrick's Church, Dromahair** this **Sunday Evening 19th December at 7.00pm.**
This year we are joined by the congregation of Drumlease Parish Church.
You are all cordially invited to this festive event.

Times for Christmas Masses are given on this page at Note [B] below.

Masses for Sunday 26th December ~ St. Stephen's Day

Killarogue ~ Evening Mass on Sunday 26th December / St. Stephen's Day at 7.00pm ~ since we cannot have the Vigil Mass on Christmas Day.

The other Masses will be at the usual times on **Sunday 26th December ~ St. Stephen's Day:-**
Newtownmanor ~ 10.00am and **Dromahair** ~ 11.15am.

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GENERAL / CHURCH NOTICES.

- [A] The Christmas **Communal Service of Reconciliation / Penitential Rite**
For all parish areas will take place in Dromahair Church **this Tuesday** 21st December at 8.00pm.
We will try to create a friendly atmosphere with candle light and music and we would like everyone to feel at ease.
There will be a short period of quiet preparation together when each of us can concentrate on a major failing that takes away from the quality of Christian living.
You won't be kept long. But, please, be on time and wait until the very end for a short act of Penance together.
Please leave time in your schedule for this important preparation for Christmas
- [B] **Times for Christmas Masses**
Christmas Eve ~ Friday 24th December:
Newtownmwnor ~ 7.00pm; **Killarogue** ~ 9.00pm & **Dromahair** 10.00pm
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- Christmas Day** ~ Saturday 25th December:
Newtownmanor ~ 10.00am; **Killarogue** ~ 10.30am; **Dromahair** ~ 11.15am.
- [C] **Choir Practice** ~ Newtownmanor Church ~ **this Wednesday night 22nd December at 8.00pm.**

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, DROMAHAIR.

1. **Mass: Monday & Tuesday 9.30am; Friday ~ Christmas Eve ~ 10.00pm; Saturday ~ Christmas Day ~ 11.15am Sunday ~ St. Stephen's Day ~ 11.15am.**

2. **Pray for:-**

Deceased of Fowley, Harte & Loftus families, Mass Sunday 19th December at 11.15am.

Annie Kelly, Drumkeeran, Dromahair & Essex and deceased family members, Anniversary Mass Sunday 26th December at 11.15am.

May they rest in peace.

CHURCH OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, NEWTOWNMANOR.

1. **Mass: Friday ~ Christmas Eve ~ 7.00pm; Saturday ~ Christmas Day ~ 10.00am; Sunday ~ St. Stephen's Day ~ 10.00am.**

2. **Pray for:-**

Teresa Loughlin, Moragh, Anniversary Mass Sunday 19th December at 10.00am.

John, May, Kevin & Martin Devaney, Mass Sunday 26th December at 10.00am.

May they rest in peace.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, KILLARGUE.

1. **Mass: Tuesday 7.00pm; Friday ~ Christmas Eve ~ 9.00pm;**

Saturday ~ Christmas Day ~ 10.30am; Sunday ~ St. Stephen's Day ~ 7.00pm <<<<<<<<< N.B.

2. **Pray for:-**

James & Catherine Harkin and Sons Seamus & Paddy, Mass Saturday 18th December at 7.00pm.

May they rest in peace

3. **Eucharistic Devotion: Each Tuesday evening in Killargue Church from 7.00pm – 8.00pm.**

Community Notices.

1. **Bingo: Due to the adverse weather conditions, there will be no Bingo this Monday evening 20th December. Christmas prizes will be held over for the next Bingo session.**

2. **Progressive 25 Card – Game ~ Newtownmanor Hall ~ every Friday night at 9.00pm.**
New faces – young and old – most welcome. Come along for great fun!

3. **Medjugorje 2011 ~ 30th Anniversary Special Offer: 1st May 2011 ~ €449 if paid in full by 15th December 2010; 18th September 2011 ~ €449 if paid in full by 15th December 2010.**
Includes flights, bus and accommodation in Darko House for 1 week. Contact **Ann Kelly: 086 1505298.**

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Our local **Food – Stores** have served us well during this period of bad weather ~ when travel was not possible. We should support them coming up to Christmas and during the time ahead, so that they will be there for us all in the future. They need some regular support at least from all of us!

**Thanks to all who contributed to the Sunday Offertory Collections and the Dues during 2010.**

**Offertory Collection = Day – to – Day upkeep of each church, repair and refurbishment of parish buildings, churches and the running expenses of the relevant parish area during the year.**

**Dues = Support and upkeep of the priests of the parish during the year.**

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We wish all our parishioners in **Dromahair ~ Killargue ~ Newtownmanor**, those who joined the parish this year, attend our churches from adjoining parishes, those home on holidays, all our visitors and friends
Peace, Happiness and every Blessing as we celebrate the Birth of Our Saviour.

Greetings and Best Wishes to the parishioners of Drumlease Parish Church.

***Nollaig Shona! Happy Christmas! Joyeux Noel! Frohe Weihnacht! Feliz Navidad!
Buon Natale! God Jul! Wesolych Swiat!***

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Way back in the 1950's a Nativity Play was to be performed in the church hall and the country vicar travelled to the nearest large town to get a streamer for display. But he forgot the measurements and so had to telegraph his wife for details. The telegraph clerk at the other end nearly had a fit when he read the reply. It read:  
**Unto us a Child is Born ~ seven feet six by one foot three!**