

DROMAHAIR – KILLARGUE - NEWTOWNMANOR

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Sunday 20th August 2023 – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Importance of Perseverance

There is an old saying that “*the falling drops will at least wear the stone*”. Yes, **perseverance is a much lauded quality**. It is seen by many **as an essential ingredient** for success. The woman in today’s gospel certainly possesses it. She is a pagan whom Jesus seems to ignore. **But she doesn’t give up**. She needs healing for her tormented daughter, *she knows and believes* that he has the power. She kneels at his feet until finally she gets what she wants. **She is a model for all of us who are tempted** to abandon whatever it is we are trying to achieve. Above all, she is a reminder to us **that if we persevere** in our prayers we will be answered

Best of luck to all our Leaving Cert Students

The wait is almost over. *The day of the Leaving Cert results next Friday* is usually one of elation, while for others this day brings disappointment. **Next Friday a simple piece of paper or email** with a few codes on it, will determine the way ahead for thousands of young adults around the country.

But no matter what the results, please remember that Friday next, **is not the end of the world**. Those results do not signal that all doors are closed. *It’s just that it sometimes takes a little longer to find the key to open some*. On behalf of the Parish, we wish every blessing to all students, who this week wait anxiously and we pray God’s blessing on them as they discern and plan for their future.

National Novena at Knock Shrine 14th – 22nd August

The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock offers you the opportunity to step away from everyday life and immerse yourself in prayer in the beautiful, peaceful grounds of Knock Shrine.

Over the course of the nine-day Novena, we will hear from guest Homilists and Speakers during daily ceremonies at 3pm and 8pm at Knock Basilica. Our theme for this year is ‘Caring for Creation’. Family Day will take place on Sunday 20th August from 11am-3pm and all are welcome. Find out more and view the full programme at www.knockshrine.ie

Apostolic Society Display

Display of work in **St. Brigid’s Church, Killargue, on Saturday 9th September before and after the 8.00pm Vigil Mass.** Also, this year, in **Mary Mother of God Church, Newtownmanor on Sunday 17th September, before and after the 10.00am Mass.** The usual collection will be taken up. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Recently Deceased: **Breege Merrick (nee Kelly)**, Riverstown, and formerly of Lisgorman, whose Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 20th August at 1.00pm, in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Riverstown, with burial afterwards in St. Joseph’s Cemetery, Sooey. **Teresa Kelly, (nee O’Gorman)** Speers Green, Dromahair, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Patrick’s Church, Dromahair, on Monday, 14th August. **Dr Patrice Bonnichon** (father of Pascal Bonnichon, Shanvaus), whose funeral took place in France, on Thursday 3rd August.

May they Rest in Peace. Amen.

‘There are many things that can only be seen through eyes, that have cried.’ (Oscar Romero)

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, DROMAHAIR:

1. **Mass: No Mass on Monday's**; Wednesday at 9.30am; Friday at 8pm; Sun at 11.15am.
2. **Pray for:**
Eddie Loughlin, Drumlease. **John Joe Speers**, Boston & Speers Green. Mass on Sun 20th Aug 11.15pm.
Marian McGee, Dowra. Memorial Mass on Wednesday 23rd August at 9.30am.
Paul McHugh & his nephew **John Francis, (Bobby)** Drumlease. Mass on Fri 25th August at 8pm.
Paddy & Gerti Downey, Main Street and their daughter **Frances, Son, Jim & his wife, Moira.**
Tom Hamilton, Fawn. **Christina Haddow**, Drumlease. Mass on Sunday 27th August at 11.15am.
May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.
3. **Liturgy for August:** Reader; Michael Costello. Collectors; Padraig Watters & Frank McGowan. Altar Society: Volunteers needed.

CHURCH OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD, NEWTOWNMANOR:

1. **Mass: No Mass on Thursday at 8pm**; Sunday at 3.00pm.
2. **Pray for:**
Winifred & Terry McDermott and their son **Pauric**, Moragh. Mass on Sun 20th August at 10am.
No Mass on Thursday 24th August at 8.00pm.
Jimmy Dolan, Magurk. Anniversary Mass on Sunday 27th August at 10.00am.
May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.
3. **Liturgy for August:** Reader; Gabrielle Fowley. Collectors; Thomas Healy & Martin Dolan. Altar Society; Patricia Dolan & Angela Loughlin.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, KILLARGUE:

1. **Mass: Tuesday at 8pm (Adoration from 7pm to 8pm)**; Saturday (Vigil) Mass at 8pm.
2. **Pray for:**
Special Intention. (Vigil) Mass on Saturday 19th August at 8.00pm.
Available for Intention. Mass on Tuesday 22nd August at 8.00pm (**Adoration 7.00pm to 8.00pm.**)
Patrick Harte, Lisgorman & Kent. (Vigil) Mass on Saturday 26th August at 8.00pm.
May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.
3. **Liturgy for August:** Reader – Monica Giblin; Collector – Pat Flanagan; Altar Society – Kathleen Gallagher.

FR. ANTHONY FAGAN'S RETIREMENT MASS

Fr. Anthony Fagan is retiring from active ministry in Knockbride Parish at the end of August. **A special Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated in West Knockbride (Tunnyduff) on Thursday next - 24th August at 7.00 pm.** The Mass will be followed by refreshments in Tunnyduff Hall.

All are welcome to attend.

Eucharistic Conference '23 - Date for your Diary: Will take place in St Anne's Church, Cranmore Rd, Sligo, on Saturday, 16th September beginning at 10.30am. A first-class relic of Blessed Carlos Acutis will be venerated. The day will vary, with inspiring talks, children's prayer, Mass, Confessions. **Everyone welcome.**

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION LGFA: Church gate collection (LGFA) next weekend, **Saturday/Sunday, August 26th/ 27th,** in support of the Leitrim County Ladies Gaelic Football Association (LGFA). Your donation directly benefits Leitrim LGFA in essential resources, equipment etc.

LOUGH DERG PILGRIM PATH CAMINO FOR THE YEAR OF VOCATIONS:

On Saturday 26th August you are invited to walk the Pilgrim Path at Lough Derg (8km) as a prayer for the blessing of vocations to Diocesan priesthood. Pilgrims will be accompanied by Fr La Flynn & Team. Weather permitting, Mass will be celebrated at a point along the Pilgrim Path. Refreshments on the Island after the walk. Donations welcome on the day. Booking is essential online www.loughderg.org Tel 071-9861518

5 Step Support Service: Are you affected by the misuse of alcohol or other drugs by another individual? 5 Step Support can help you; it is a free, non-judgemental, one - one consultation service. Please contact **071-9150578 / 085-875 9319** or email sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.co

The Poor Clares: The Poor Clares, Galway are hosting a Monastic Experience Day on Sat 26 August from 10:00am to 5:00pm. *The day is designed to help young women who are exploring the possibility of a religious vocation* to find out more about the Poor Clare way of life. If you are interested contact vocations@poorclares.ie.