

Dromahair ~ Killargue ~ Newtownmanor

Sunday 20th December 2009 ~ Fourth Sunday in 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.

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

Thanks to all who contributed to the Diocesan Collection for flood relief.

Should anyone still like to make a contribution, please put it in an envelope marked **Flood Relief** and hand it in with the Offertory Collection at the Christmas Masses or next Sunday.

A total of €2,742 has already been forwarded. **Thanks for your unfailing generosity!**

GENERAL / CHURCH NOTICES.

[A] **Carol Service ~ Today, Sunday:** This year we join the parishioners of **Drumlease Parish ~ Church of Ireland ~ Dromahair** at **7.00pm** this **Sunday evening**, 20th December, for the annual **Carol Service**. You are all cordially invited to this festive ecumenical event.

[B] The Christmas **Communal Service of Reconciliation / Penitential Rite** for all areas of the parish will take place in Dromahair Church on Tuesday 22nd 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 life.

You won't be kept long but it is important to 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

[C] **Times for Christmas Masses:-**

Christmas Eve ~ Thursday 24th December: Newtownmanor ~ 7.00pm; Killargue ~ 9.00pm & Dromahair 10.30pm ~ not quite midnight!

Christmas Day ~ Friday 25th December:

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

[D] **Choir Practice: - Dromahair:** Wednesday night, 23rd December, at 8.00pm.

[E] **Given below are the amounts for the Pope's Collection this year:**

Dromahair ~ €550 [€405]; Newtownmanor ~ €255 [€180]; Killargue ~ €405 [€535].

And here are the amounts for the October Mission Collection:-

Dromahair ~ €663 [€620]; Newtownmanor ~ €525 [€440]; Killargue ~ €695 [€590].

Amounts for last year are given in brackets.

The parish also contributed the following amounts to help Christians in the Holy Land:

Dromahair ~ €483; Newtownmanor ~ €178; Killargue ~ €208. Sincere thanks!

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, DROMAHAIR.

1. **Mass:** *Monday 9.30am; Tuesday 9.30am; Wednesday 9.30am; Thursday ~ Christmas Eve 10.30pm; Friday ~ Christmas Day ~ 11.15am. Sunday 11.15am.*
2. **Pray for:-**
Rose & Charles Clancy, Boggaun & John & Patrick, Mass Sunday 20th December at 11.15am.
Thomas, Anne McHugh, son Frank, John & Ann Conlon & Margaret Connelley, Mass Monday 21st December at 9.30am.
Kitty Diamond, Mass Friday 25th December at 11.15am.
Annie Kelly, London, Drumkeeran & Dromahair & deceased family, Mass Sunday 27th December at 11.15am.
May they rest in peace.

CHURCH OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, NEWTOWNMANOR.

1. **Mass:** *Thursday ~ Christmas Eve ~ 7.00pm; Friday ~ Christmas Day ~ 10.00am; Sunday 10.00am.*
2. **Pray for:-**
Teresa Loughlin, Moragh, Anniversary Mass Sunday 20th December at 10.00am.
Deceased of the McTernan family, Gortnaskeagh, Mass Sunday 27th December at 10.00am.
May they rest in peace

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, KILLARGUE.

1. **Mass:** *Thursday ~ Christmas Eve ~ 9.00pm; Friday ~ Christmas Day ~ 10.30am; Saturday ~ Vigil Mass ~ 7.00pm.*
2. **Pray for:-**
Michael & Mary Louise McGowan, Killargue and Joe & Elizabeth McGowan, Corratavy, Mass Saturday 19th December at 7.00pm.
Margaret & Michael Hamilton, Corderry and deceased family, Mass Saturday 26th December at 7.00pm.
May they rest in peace
3. Would you like to promote the magazine, **The Messenger of the Sacred Heart**, in the Killargue area? Please contact Fr. Enda O'Callaghan at 087 – 2234292, Regional Rep for the Magazine.

Community Notices.

1. **Dromahair Bingo this Monday Night in the Blue Devon Function Room at 9.00pm.**
All lines €30, except games 5 & 10 which are €50; all houses €100 and last game €200.
Extra & Excellent Christmas Prizes too! **Come along & support your Special Christmas Bingo!**
2. **Worried? Lonely? Under Stress?** The **Samaritans** offer confidential emotional support on their 24 hour helpline: 1850 60 90 90. www.samaritans.ie & jo@samaritans.org
3. **Now Open! Steve -VD's** ~ a new DVD store & Games Room above the **Tuck - In Takeaway** in Manorhamilton. Proprietor Steve Feeney, Killargue. Your support is appreciated!
4. **Tax reclaim for Parish:** If you still wish to help out and are a PAYE worker, please take a form and explanatory letter from the back of your church. The claim form needs to be returned today, Sunday, to allow claims to be processed before Christmas.

Thanks to all who contributed to the Sunday Offertory Collection and the Dues during 2009

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 for the priests of the parish during the year.

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 our good neighbours in Drumlease Parish Church.

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