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**Sunday 21st January 2024 – The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**DROMAHAIR – KILLARGUE - NEWTOWNMANOR**

***‘The Wonder of the Word’* by Fr Vincent O’Hara**

On Sunday 21st January, Teresa O’ Boyle from Calry, will speak at all Masses about the recently published book- ***‘The Wonder of the Word’*** by Fr Vincent O’Hara which will be on sale after Mass.

Fr Vincent, a Carmelite Priest, has served in various Carmelite Communities in Ireland and England over the past 52 years, is a native of Calry. His book which was launched on 17th December 2023, has been printed and published by the Avila Carmelites at no cost. *All proceeds from this publication will go towards four schools in Kolkata (Calcutta), which Fr Vincent has been supporting over the past 30 years.*

**Your support for this worthy cause would be greatly appreciated.**

**Upcoming Feast Days in February**

Thursday 1st February is the Feast of St. Brigid - Secondary Patron Saint of Ireland:Mass for the Feast Day will be celebrated in Newtownmanor Church at 8.00pm. **St. Brigid’s Crosseswill be blessed at this Mass and also on Saturday 3rd February at the 8.00pm Vigil Mass in Killargue Church**. **At 10.00am Mass in Newtownmanor Church and at 11.15am Mass in Dromahair Church on Sunday 4th February. You may wish to leave a small donation. Proceeds in aid of North - West Hospice.**

Friday 2nd February is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - Candlemas Day: Mass for the Feast Day will be celebrated in Dromahair Church at 8.00pm. **Candles for church and home use** will be blessed at this Mass and also on **Saturday 3rd February at the 8.00pm Vigil Mass in Killargue Church.** **At 10.00am Mass in Newtownmanor Church and at 11.15am Mass in Dromahair Church on Sunday 4th February. Candles are available to purchase in local shops.**

Saturday 3rd February is the Feast of Saint Blaise: **A General Blessing of Throats (not an individual Blessing),** will take place at 8.00pm **Vigil Mass in Killargue Church on Saturday 3rd February. At 10.00am Mass in Newtownmanor Church and at 11.15am Mass in Dromahair Church,** on Sunday 4th February.

**Catholic Schools Week**

**Catholic Schools Week 2024 takes place from Sunday 21st to Saturday 27th January.** Catholic Schools Week is a celebration of the contribution of Catholic education to individuals, to society, and to the global common good. **The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is *‘Catholic Schools: Communities of Service’.***

**Christian service puts faith into action.** In Catholic schools, as we study and look to Jesus Christ as our role model and Teacher, we come to a greater understanding of the depth of Christian service. Jesus served every person regardless of creed, background, faith, social status or age. He put faith into action by showing all those around him how our Heavenly Father is compassionate, courageous and forgiving. Jesus didn't just talk about His faith; **He lived it**. We are called by faith to go into the world to share the love of God with all those we meet. Each person, at every age, is called to become Christ for another by serving every person with a humble heart and with a generous spirit.

**Alan Hynes - catholiceducation.ie**

**‘When you know your worth, no one can make you feel worthless.’**

**Pray for: Johnny Halpin,** Dromahair and formerly of Rathmines, Dublin and Ballymacarbry, Waterford, whose Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Patrick’s Church, Dromahair, on Monday next – 22nd January at 12.30pm, with burial afterwards in Creevelea Abbey, New Cemetery. **Bernadette Ryan (nee McHugh)**, New Jersey, USA, and formerly, Gortermone, Killargue, who died on Friday last – 19th January.

***May they Rest in Peace. Amen.***

**ST PATRICK’S CHURCH, DROMAHAIR:**

1. **Mass: Monday at 12.30pm (Funeral Mass)**; Wednesday at 9.30am; Friday at 8pm; Sun at 11.15am.
2. **Pray for:**

**Brendan McMorrow,** ‘Sancta Maria’, Fivemilebourne. ***Months Memory* & Dr Michael Carney,** Dromahair. Mass on Sunday 21st January at 11.15am.

**Funeral Mass for Johnny Halpin on Monday 22nd January at 12.30pm.**

**Available for Intention.** Mass on Wednesday 24th January at 9.30am.

**Available for Intention.** Mass on Friday 26th January at 8.00pm.

**Matt & Sean Clinton,** Kilcoosey. **Kathleen Fenton,** Larkfield Lawns.Mass Sun 28th Jan at 11.15am.

#### May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.

1. **Liturgy for January:** Readers – Paul Jordan & Mary Brodie; Collectors – Padraig Watters & Kevin McGoldrick; Altar Society – Volunteers needed. ***Please contact Fr Paul or Padraig.***

**CHURCH OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD, NEWTOWNMANOR:**

1. **Mass:** **Thursday at 8.00pm (Adoration after Mass until 9.00pm);** Sunday at 10.00am.

### Pray for:

### Paddy McGowan, Kinlough. Memorial Mass on Sunday 21st January at 10.00am.

### Available for Intention. Mass on Thursday 25th January at 8.00pm (Adoration after Mass).

### Available for Intention. Mass on Sunday 28th January at 10.00am.

#### May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.

1. **Liturgy for January**: Readers – Martina Feeney & Deirdre McGourty; Collectors – Jim Banks & Volunteer; Altar Society – Bernie Boylan & Hazel Curry.

**ST. BRIGID’S CHURCH, KILLARGUE:**

1. **Mass**: **Tuesday at 8.00pm (Adoration from 7.00pm to 8.00pm);** Saturday (Vigil) Mass at 8pm.
2. **Pray for:**

**James & Agnes Feehily,** their son **Paudge (recently deceased)** & daughter in law **Teresa,** Cloonlougher & Manorhamilton**. Alphonsus & Elizabeth Lynch,** Dublin.(Vigil) Mass on Sat 20th Jan at 8pm.

**Sr Gretta Kelleher, Bernadette Gaw, Jack Kelleher & Beatrice Gallagher.** Mass on Tuesday 23rd January at 8.00pm **(Adoration from 7.00pm to 8.00pm).**

**Pat Kerins,** Soxline. **1st Anniversary Mass** on Saturday 27th January at 8.00pm.

#### May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.

1. **Liturgy for January:** Readers – Bernadette Feeney (Curry) & Josie Feeney; Collector; Brian Dolan; Altar Society – Marianne Feeney.

**Prayer for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th – 25th January 2024**

O gracious Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that we all may be one as you are one. In your community of complete unity, we have our beginning and our end. To you we pray, asking for the gift of visible unity among all who believe in your Christ. As we commemorate this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we are reminded by your Word that all human beings are our neighbours, and that we are to love them, like ourselves and in the same way we love you. Help us to overcome the barriers and divisions, we have nurtured against your will. Grant to us, O Lord, a new Spirit of love and solidarity, that we may proclaim your good news to all of creation. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirt are one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul** - wish to thank most sincerely the people of **Dromahair – Killargue – Newtownmanor** for their most generous response to our **Christmas Church Gate Collections.** Our sincere thanks also the collectors who gave their time to take up the collections. **The total amounted to €1,352 and this will be used to assist people in the local area.** SVP may be contacted on **085 7764431.** We may also be contacted by dropping a note into the SVP Box in the Porch of Drumkeerin Church. ***All contact is confidential.***