

# DROMAHAIR – KILLARGUE- NEWTOWNMANOR

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## **Sunday 21st March 2021 – The Fifth Sunday of Lent**

### **Today's Gospel Reflection – 'We should like to see Jesus'**

Those poor Greeks. Did you notice that they *never actually get to meet Jesus*? At the start of today's gospel, some Greeks who are followers of Jesus come to Jerusalem. They are travellers, outsiders, and would like to meet Jesus in person. But when Philip and Andrew relay the request, Jesus begins to talk about how *his 'hour'* is coming. It is the last we hear of the Greeks, who disappear from the story altogether.

But, *they are important* nonetheless. Firstly, they indicate that word about Jesus is spreading. More importantly, they prompt Jesus to reveal that, *when his hour comes*, he will draw **'all people'** to himself. In the space of a few short verses, we go from a brief mention of a group of foreigners seeking Jesus, to Jesus making it clear that his saving mission is for all people, *of all nations, both Jews and Gentiles* – including these Greeks! There is no suggestion from Jesus that some groups are 'in' and others 'out'. All are included. All are invited. **All are welcome.**

I remember once hearing someone describe their home as a domestic church, a place of *'indiscriminate welcome'*. **As we continue our journey** through Lent and soon into Holy Week, we listen carefully to these words of Jesus. He came for everyone. He wishes to draw all people to himself. Notwithstanding the current restrictions on gatherings and public worship, let us **take this time to reflect** on the world we would like to build when things open up again? **Are we open to everyone, including 'outsiders'?** Do our homes, parishes and communities radiate welcome, where all who enter experience God's love?

*'For some, the good news is that there are insiders and outsiders and they are the insiders. For others, the good news is that there are no outsiders.'* (Rachel Held Evans).

### **Ceremonies for Holy Week**

All ceremonies for Holy Week will be held behind closed doors and livestreamed from St. Patrick's Church, Dromahair, as follows:

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March – **Vigil Mass for Palm (Passion) Sunday at 8.00pm.**

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March – **Mass for Palm (Passion) Sunday at 11.15am.**

*(Palm for all three churches will be blessed at these Masses)*

Holy Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April – **Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8.00pm.**

Good Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – **Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord at 3.00pm.**

Holy Saturday – **Easter Vigil Mass at 8.00pm.**

*(Easter Water for all three churches will be blessed at this Mass)*

Easter Sunday – **Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at 11.15am.**

**Every Wednesday during Lent, there will be a guided Holy Hour each Wednesday evening from 8.00pm to 9.00pm**

This will be done via our Webcam while the government restrictions remain in place. From the comfort of your own home, you could be part of a relaxing and peaceful hour in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. I invite you to consider taking this on for Lent individually or as a family.

**The Sacrament of Baptism:** From this weekend onwards, baptisms are allowed to take place. Please note the **maximum allowed at each baptism is 6 people**. Please contact Fr Paul for more information or to arrange your child's baptism.

**Trócaire - give what you can:** To flee the war in South Sudan, Awut gathered her beloved family. They ran for their lives. By the time they reached safety, they'd lost nearly everything. Then Awut met another weary mother with even less. Awut welcomes Ajak and her children. ***They work tirelessly to keep their families alive.*** Without help, they could be lost completely. ***To survive and thrive, they need our help and our love this Lent, until love conquers fear.*** Please take home a Trócaire box and together, let's do our best.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Maura Miney (nee McMorrow), Carrick on Shannon, & formerly of Gubaderra, whose funeral took place yesterday - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March. **Ronan Healy**, Ballintogher & late of Ballyfarnon, whose funeral took place on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Mar.

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

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

1. **Mass: No Mass on Monday's;** Tuesday at 8.00pm; **Wednesday at 9.30am & Holy Hour at 8.00pm;** Thursday at 8.00pm; Friday at 8.00pm; Saturday (Vigil Mass) at 8.00pm; Sunday at 11.15am.

To access the webcam please type the following in your search engine. **www.churchtv.ie** then click on ***County Leitrim icon, and then, click on the Dromahair icon, then click play.***

2. **Pray for:**

**Thomas & Tommie Gallagher**, Cornamorriff. Anniv. Mass on Sat 20<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00pm.

**Philomena Clancy**, Ardakipmore. First Anniversary Mass on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 11.15am.

**Shane Flanagan**. Calry. Memorial Mass on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 8.00pm (streamed live).

**Pat Beggan**. Clones. Memorial Mass on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am (streamed live).

**Mrs Patsy Crawford**. Ramelton. Co. Donegal. Mass on Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Mar at 8.00pm.

**Ann Chester**. Enniscrone. Memorial Mass on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00pm (streamed live).

**James & Josie Feeney**, Curry, their **deceased sons, daughters, in laws & grandchildren. John &**

**Winnie McNulty**, Curry. **Katie Rooney & Deceased Family Members. Mary Murray, nee**

**McSharry**, Kilcloon, Co. Meath & Dromahair. (Vigil) Mass on Sat 27<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00pm.

**Dr James A. Jordan**, Main Street, First Anniversary Mass on Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Mar at 11.15am.

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

### **Act of Spiritual Communion**

*(For those watching mass via the webcam. Please pray this prayer with Fr Paul before the final prayer of the Mass.)*

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

**SINCERE THANK YOU:** To all who have dropped in their parish envelopes for the support of the parish. You can continue to drop Dues/Offertory Collection Envelopes into Fr Paul at the Parochial House in Dromahair (or to John McMorrow in Killargue). **Please do not leave Collection Envelopes in any of the three churches while unattended.** Thank you for your generosity & understanding.

**Clothing collection facility in The Depot Gate.** Open all day, every day. New and used clean clothing, shoes (pairs, clean), handbags & leather belts, blankets, bed-linen, curtains. **We don't accept - duvets, pillows or cushions, toys, electrical items, CD or Videos, household items or Bric-a-brac.** Once again, **THANK YOU** for your support and co-operation.

**Donations Received for St. Brigid's Crosses in all three churches as well as the Christmas Crib in Killargue Church amounted to €400.** Proceeds have been forwarded to North West Hospice. Thank you for your generosity to this worthy cause, in difficult times.

*The art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong things at a tempting moment!* (Dorothy Nevill)

