

## ***Dromahair ~ Killargue ~ Newtownmanor***

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2008 ~ The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Today is the *Fourth and Final Sunday of Advent* 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 and Christmas Day*, we celebrate the *Mystery of the Incarnation* ~ the Son of God is born as one of us.

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

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### **Festive Inter-Church Carol Service**

There will be a Festive Inter-Church *Carol Service* at **6.00pm today, Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> December**, in St. Patrick's Church, Dromahair. We will be joined by the parishioners of Drumlease Parish Church.

**Please support this community Christmas Celebration.**

### **GENERAL / CHURCH NOTICES.**

#### **[A] Mass Times for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day**

**Christmas Eve ~ Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2008**

*Newtownmanor ~ 7.00pm; Killargue ~ 9.00pm; Dromahair ~ 10.30pm.*

**Christmas Day ~ Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2008**

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

**[B] Feeling isolated? Depressed?** The Samaritans are ready to listen **24 hours** a day, **365 days** a year. Tel: **1850 60 90 90**. And if you are hard of hearing ring: **1850 60 90 91**.

**[C] Given below are amounts for the Pope's Collection:** - *Dromahair* ~ €405 [€590]; *Newtownmanor* ~ €180; [€315]; *Killargue* ~ €535 [€450]. Total: €1,120 [€1,355].

**And here are the amounts for the Mission Collection:** - *Dromahair* ~ €620 [€915]; *Newtownmanor* ~ €440 [€615]; *Killargue* ~ €590 [€625]. Total: €1,650 [€2,155].  
Amounts for last year are given in brackets.

**[D] We remember:** *Noreen Whitfield, Drumlease Rd., Dromahair* whose funeral took place on **Saturday**; *Mary Flanagan, Portarlinton* [sister of Kay Mc Gill, Dromahair] whose funeral also took place on **Saturday** & *Annie Duignan, late of Corlesmore, Cavan* [former housekeeper in Dromahair with Fr. Patsy Young] whose funeral took place last **Sunday**. May they rest in peace.

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

1. **Mass:** *Monday* 9.30am; *Tuesday* 9.30am; *Wednesday* ~ **Christmas Eve** 10.30pm; *Thursday* ~ **Christmas Day** ~ 11.15am. *Friday* **St. Stephen's Day** 11.30am; *Saturday* 11.30am; *Sunday* ~ 11.15am.

2. **Pray for:-**

**Gerard Madden**, Market St, his parents **Aileen & Paddy** and **Bernard Mc Garrell**, Anniversary Mass Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 11.15am.

**John & Josephine King**, London & Roundstone, Connemara, Anniv Mass Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec at 9.30am.

**Tommy Boles**, Carriganarrow, Month's Memory Mass Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> December at 11.30am.

**Paddy & Mary McSharry**, Market St., Anniversary Mass Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December at 11,15am.

**May they rest in peace**

### **CHURCH OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, NEWTOWNMANOR.**

1. **Mass: Wednesday ~ Christmas Eve ~ 7.00pm; Thursday ~ Christmas Day ~ 10.00am; Sunday 10.00am.**
2. **Pray for:-**  
Teresa Loughlin, Moragh, Anniversary Mass Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 10.00am.  
James (Jimmy) & Bridie McDermott, Leckaun, Anniversary Mass Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am.  
Jim Comiskey, Doonkelly, & **deceased family**, Anniversary Mass Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am.  
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### **ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, KILLARGUE.**

1. **Mass: Wednesday ~ Christmas Eve ~ 9.00pm; Thursday ~ Christmas Day ~ 10.30am; Saturday ~ Vigil Mass ~ 7.00pm.**
2. **Pray for:-**  
Jack McGovern, Blackgardens, Killargue, Anniversary Mass Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm.  
James & Catherine Harkin & sons **Seamus & Paddy**, Anniversary Mass Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm.  
*May they rest in peace.*

### **Community Notices.**

1. **Support your Local Bingo every Monday night in the Abbey Manor Hotel at 9.00pm sharp. Excellent extra prizes this Monday before Christmas**
2. **Progressive -25 Card Game: At 9.00pm every Friday night in Newtownmanor Hall. Come along each Friday for a great night of entertainment! *All welcome!***
3. **Please be conscious of the security of personal belongings at and during Church Services ~ particularly at Christmas. In some areas handbags left in cars are being targeted by thieves and handbags left on church seats are being stolen during Holy Communion.**

#### **Rainbow Programme**

This Programme supports children and teenagers who have experienced the loss of a parent through separation or death and is facilitated by specially trained caring adults.  
The next Programme begins in the New Year and runs on Tuesday evenings from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.  
Enrolments need to be made as soon as possible ~ for organizational purposes. There is no cost.  
Contact St. Michael's Family Life Centre, Church Hill, Sligo at 071 9170329

#### ***Thanks to all who contributed to the Sunday Offertory Collections and the Dues during 2008.***

**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.  
Your continuing generosity is much appreciated.

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!***

***We pray for visions but seldom watch a sunset.***

***We marvel at the gift of tongues but are bored listening to babies.***

***We desire proofs for the existence of God even as life in all its marvels continues around us.***

***We tend to look for God everywhere except in the place where incarnation took place ~  
our own flesh. Ronald Rollheiser.***