

DROMAHAIR – KILLARGUE- NEWTOWNMANOR

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Sunday 22nd August 2021 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Today’s Gospel Reflection – Leap of faith

Children are often *adept at looking beyond* the practicalities and seeing the possibilities. Where a parent or guardian might *only see a messy room* in need of tidying, **a child sees** an obstacle course, a castle, a jungle, a magical fairy forest. It can be refreshing to take a breath and remember **that there is more to life than** our physical, tangible world with its daily routines and to-do lists. Sometimes circumstances can leave us blinded to life’s beauty or meaning.

In today’s Gospel, *some of Jesus’ followers* are finding it **difficult to see beyond** the physical. He has been teaching them that he is the living bread, but it is hard for them to accept. **They dismiss** it as ‘**intolerable language**’ and they wonder ‘**How could anyone accept it?**’ His teachings are too difficult to comprehend, and they are annoyed and offended. Some of them even walk away.

But Jesus is offering something **more than** the practicalities, **more than** physical food or drink: **he offers the bread of life**, living bread, his very self. It is a difficult message, but Simon Peter gets to the heart of it: ‘*You have the message of eternal life, and we believe.*’ He is able to see beyond the obvious, to hear the truth at the heart of Jesus’ words. Jesus demands a lot of his followers, who must each decide whether or not they want to follow. Are we ready to make that leap of faith?

Altar Society: I want to sincerely thank those who help and have the Altars in our three churches looking so beautiful year in and year out. Thank you for your generosity and kindness. Due to retirements/illness etc, new volunteers are needed in Dromahair, Killargue and Newtownmanor Churches. I ask you to please consider giving a hand. If you can give some time during one month per year, please give your name to Fr Paul – 071-9164143, or to any of the sacristans after any of the Masses. **Thank you.**

NEW DATES FOR CONFIRMATION: Celebration of the sacraments can now go ahead in September. After consultation with parents and teachers, we are delighted to announce the following dates: **Drumlease N.S.** on Saturday, 25th September in St Patrick’s Church, Dromahair at 11am. **Leckaun N.S.** on Saturday 2nd October in Newtownmanor Church at 11am. These dates are provisional and subject to the Covid-19 guidelines. I will be in touch with those wishing to receive Confirmation in relation to our preparation, Confirmation pledge etc. Thanks again. Fr Paul.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, DROMAHAIR:

1. **Mass: No Mass on Monday's;** Wednesday at 9.30am; Friday at 8.00pm; Sunday at 11.15am.
2. **Pray for:**
Janet Eva McConnell, Mullagh. **Months' Memory Mass.** **Sean Carre.** Market Street. Memorial Mass on Sunday 22nd August at 11.15am (*streamed live*).
Dermot Fallon. Memorial Mass on Wednesday 25th August at 9.30am (*streamed live*).
Triona Fowley, Dromahair & Manorhamilton. **Liam Clancy.** Mass on Friday 27th August at 8.00pm
The Downey Family, Main Street. Mass on Sunday 29th August at 11.15am (*streamed Live*).
May they Rest in Peace. Amen.
3. **Liturgy for August: Reader;** Michael Costello. **Collectors;** Pdraig Watters & Frank McGowan. **Altar Society;** Helen McGoldrick.

CHURCH OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD, NEWTOWNMANOR:

1. **Mass:** Thursday at 8.00pm; Sunday at 10.00am.
2. **Pray for:**
Joe & Bridie Martin, Carrickfad. Anniversary Mass on Sunday 22nd August at 10.00am.
Patrick Harte, Liscorman & Kent. Mass on Thursday 26th August at 8.00pm.
Jimmy Dolan, Magurk. First Anniversary Mass on Sunday 29th August at 10.00am.
May they Rest in Peace. 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 8.00pm (followed by Rosary); Saturday (Vigil) at **8.00pm.**
2. **Pray for:**
Deceased of the Judge Family, Tullinwillin. Mass on Saturday 21st August at 8.00pm.
Packie Conlon, Drumconnor. Mass on Tuesday 24th August at 8.00pm.
Available for Intention. Mass on Saturday 28th August at 8.00pm.
May they Rest in Peace. Amen.
3. **Liturgy for August: Reader;** Monica Giblin. **Collectors;** Pat Kerins & Pat Flanagan. **Altar Society;** Kathleen Gallagher.

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When attending Mass or any other liturgical celebration, please remember the following:

- Sanitise your hands when entering & exiting the church.
- Sit two meters apart within the church (with household groups seated together).
- Mask wearing is mandatory for all gatherings in a church.
- Please cooperate with the stewards on duty, they are there for your health & safety.
- Parishioners are discouraged from gathering outside the church or in the carpark after Mass.

"The Church is called to be the house of the Father, with doors always wide open. One concrete sign of such openness is that our church doors should always be open, so that if someone, moved by the Spirit, comes there looking for God, he or she will not find a closed door..."

Everyone can share in some way in the life of the Church;

everyone can be part of the community... This is especially true of the sacrament which is itself

"the door : baptism...the Church is not a tollhouse; it is the house of the Father, where there is a place for everyone, with all their problems." *Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, 2013, 47*

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Win a Luxury Holiday: Dromahair Community are currently running an online fundraiser in aid of major pitch redevelopment at the Dromahair community park. There are two €20,000 Trailfinders vouchers to be won. Tickets €20 each or 3 for €50. Any support would be greatly appreciated. Buy your tickets now on www.winaluxuryholiday.ie.

NW Simon Community 13th Annual Sleep Out: On Friday 1st October, NW Simon Community are calling on the people of Northwest and beyond to swap their beds for sleeping bags for one night only by taking part in the Virtual Sleep Out in your own garden or office car park. Anyone can sign up to take part including families, work mates, students, teams, clubs or schools at home and abroad. Register today on the charity website www.northwestsimon.ie

