

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

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December ~ The Fourth Sunday of Advent.**

Today is the **Fourth & 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 to 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 as one like us.

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

Thanks to all who participated in  
The **Community Christmas Carol Service** which took place in  
**Drumlease Parish Church** last **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December.**  
**It was a very enjoyable experience.**

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

#### **[A] Times for Christmas Masses:**

**Christmas Eve ~ Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

Newtownmanor ~ 7.00pm; Killargue ~ 9.00pm; Dromahair ~ 10.00pm ~ not quite midnight.

**Christmas Day ~ Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

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

**St. Stephen's Day Mass ~ Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

Dromahair ~ 12.00noon.

**[B]** Thanks to all who attended the **Christmas Communal Service of Reconciliation / Penitential Service** in Dromahair Church on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.**

A special word of thanks to Fr. Gerard Alwill, Fr. John Sexton & Fr. Tom Mannion who helped out on the night.

**N.B. There is a Penitential Service in Manorhamilton Church at 7.00pm this Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.**

**[C]** Our Christmas Eve Mass and our Christmas Day Mass are special Community Celebrations ~ and it is important that we celebrate with those we know, neighbours & friends.

**Otherwise there is no real community gathering. Might we suggest that people attend Mass at Christmas in their own local church rather than going to a place where they know very few. Just a thought but an important one!**

**[D]** **We remember:** **Iris Bush** (sister of **Wallace Armstrong**, Dromahair) whose funeral service will take place in Drumlease Parish Church at 2.00pm this Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December;

**Mary Kate Harte**, Drumlease whose funeral took place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December;

**May (Mary) McKeon**, formerly of Soxline who died in Colorado on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December;

**Margaret Mc Govern** (sister of **Pat Mc Govern**, Abbeyvale) whose funeral took place in Dublin on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December; **Patrick Hopper**, Sweetwood, Killargue, whose funeral took place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December;

**Anne Perkins**, niece of Christina Redmond, Dromahair whose funeral took place recently in Dundalk &

**Dominic McGrath, Sligo** (father of **Natasha Brennan**, The Acres) whose funeral was on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

**May they rest in peace!**

**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.**  
Season's Greetings and Good wishes to our neighbours in Drumlease Parish Church.

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

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

1. **Mass:** Monday 9.30am, Tuesday ~ **Christmas Eve** ~ 10.00pm; Wednesday ~ **Christmas Day** ~ 11.15am; Thursday ~ **St. Stephen's Day** ~ 12.00noon; Sunday 11.15am.

2. **Pray for:** -

**Joe Toolan**, Rockvalley and **deceased family members**, Anniversary Mass Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 11.15am.

**William & Bridget Loughlin**, Drumlease, Anniversary Mass Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 9.30am.

**Marie Dolan**, Drumlease, Anniversary Mass Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December at 11.15am.

**Michael John Kelly**, Mullagh, Anniversary Mass Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December at 12.00noon.

**Daniel Hannon**, Shriff and **deceased family members**, Mass Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December at 11.15am.

***May they rest in peace!***

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

1. **Mass:** Tuesday ~ **Christmas Eve** ~ 7.00pm; Wednesday ~ **Christmas Day** ~ 10.00am; Thursday ~ **St. Stephen's Day** ~ see Dromahair; Sunday 10.00am.

2. **Pray for:-**

**Teresa Loughlin**, Moragh, Anniversary Mass Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 10.00am.

**Ann Perkins and All the Faithful Departed**, Mass Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am.

***May they rest in peace***

**ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, KILLARGUE.**

1. **Mass:** Tuesday ~ **Christmas Eve** ~ 9.00pm; Wednesday ~ **Christmas Day** ~ 10.30am; **Saturday Evening** ~ **Vigil Mass** ~ 7.00pm.

2. **Pray for:-**

**Joe & Mary Boles**, Killargue; **John & Mary Boles**, Lincolnshire and **Jim Boles**, Killargue, Mass Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 7.00pm.

**Margaret & Michael Hamilton** and **James Mc Tiernan**, Corderry, Mass Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm.

***May they rest in peace!***

3. **Eucharistic Adoration:** Killargue Church on Tuesday evenings from **7.00pm - 8.00pm.**

**Padre Pio Novena** ~ First Tuesday of every month.

~~~~~ **Community Notices** ~~~~~

1. **Christmas Bingo:** This Monday night at 9.00pm in **The Blue Devon**. Lots of Christmas Prizes & Goodies. Do come along! There is no Bingo on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> December. **It resumes at 9.00pm on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014.**

2. **Progressive 25 Card Game ~ Newtownmanor Hall:** No game on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December. Resumes Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2014.

3. **Glencar Christmas Dip in aid of the Irish Kidney Association:** At 11.30am on Christmas Day at Glencar Lake Boathouse. Donations can be made on the morning of the event or can be given to Geraldine Loughlin 086 0566156 or Pat Healy 087 9274435.

4. **Dromahair Ladies & Men's GAA Clubs are hosting a Variety Show ~ comedy, song, dance & music ~ on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December in the Blue Devon Function Room.** Show begins at 9.00pm sharp with doors opening at 8.30pm. Come along and support excellent local talent.

5. **DARC ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Fun Wren Day 1k ~ for Dromahair Park:** Jog – walk – roll for all the family and wear fancy dress and bring musical instruments. The event takes place on St. Stephen's Day at 3.00pm in Dromahair Village Park. Refreshments in Park Pavillion. Donations welcome on the day.

**Thanks to all who contributed to the Sunday Offertory Collections, various other Church Collections and the Dues during 2013.**

**Offertory Collection** = Day-to-Day upkeep of each Church, repair & refurbishment of parish buildings, churches and the **running expenses of the relevant parish area** during the year.

The Offertory Collection also makes a **major** contribution in topping up the shortfall in the **Diocesan Services Collection** from the parish.

**Dues** = Support and up-keep of priests in the parish and Diocese.

**The shepherds did not go to Bethlehem seeking the birth of a great man, or a famous teacher, or a national hero. They were promised a Saviour! H.H. Brown..**

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A little girl was trying to persuade her father to come to her school nativity play. ***I'm to be one of the three kings, she said, and carry the Frankenstein!***

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