

DROMAHAIR – KILLARGUE - NEWTOWNMANOR

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Sunday 22nd December 2024 – 4th Sunday of Advent

A Christmas Prayer

Give us, Lord Jesus, *the eyes of children*, to see your birth with Christmas wonder.

Help us to share in the songs of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the Wise Men.

Close the door on hate, and open the door of love, all over the world.

Let kindness come with every gift and blessing with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil, by the blessing Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts.

May Christmas morning Make us happy to be your children, and Christmas evening, bring us to rest with grateful thought, forgiving and forgiven. **Amen.** *(Robert Louis Stevenson)*

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM FR PAUL

Thank you for your support, kindness and generosity to me and to the parish during the year.

May the gentle God of Christmas fill your heart and you home with the gifts of peace, love and hope this Christmas and during the New Year.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND ALL YOUR LOVED ONES

Arrangements for Christmas – 2024

Confessions for Christmas: A special community celebration of the sacrament of ‘Forgiveness’ will take place at all our weekend Masses this Saturday 21st December & Sunday 22nd December to celebrate the importance of ‘Forgiveness’ and to receive absolution for Christmas. Please pass the word around.

There will be an opportunity for Individual Confessions in St. Patrick’s Church, Dromahair, on Tuesday 24th December (Christmas Eve) from 12.00 noon to 1.00pm.

Christmas Eve Masses (Tuesday 24th December); Killargue at 7.00pm. Dromahair at 9.00pm.

Christmas Day Masses (Wednesday 25th December); Newtownmanor at 10am. Dromahair at 11.15am.

Collection Envelopes for 2025

The Dues/Offertory/Special Collection Envelope boxes for 2025 are available for collection after Mass in all three churches this weekend. Please collect your own box & your neighbour’s. On behalf of the Finance Committee & Fr Paul, a sincere THANK YOU to everyone for your continued support to the parish & to your

Bishop Martin’s Financial Appeal to Parishioners

Copies of Bishop Martin’s letter to parishioners are available at the back of each church. The key message is an appeal for an increase in the Offertory Collection, to meet increased expenses in parishes and to contribute to the administration of the diocese. The invitation is for an offering of €1 per day of the week, to a total of €7 per week. The current guideline rate of €3.50 per head per week, has not changed in over 20 years.

1. Killargue Calendar - 2025: On sale this Saturday evening - 21st December, after 8.00pm Mass, in Killargue Church. Copies are also available from any member of Killargue Development Association. Price €10.
2. Killargue Community Development – Live Nativity: this Sunday - 22nd December at 6.30pm, in Killargue Community Centre. Carol Singing. Mulled wine. Mince pies for everyone. Treats for the children. Bumper raffle on the night. Everyone welcome.

Recently Deceased: **Paddy Fahy**, Cornamorriff, Killargue, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday 11th December. **Jack O'Loughlin**, Athlone and formerly of Tully, Dromahair, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday 13th December. **Paddy McGowan**, Tottenham, London and Dromahair, who died recently.

May they all Rest in Peace. Amen.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, DROMAHAIR:

1. **Mass: No Mass on Monday's; Tuesday (Christmas Eve) at 9.00pm (Confessions 12.00noon to 1.00pm) Wednesday (Christmas Day) at 11.15am; No Mass on Friday; Sunday at 11.15am.**
2. **Pray for:**
Tom Conlon, Aughameelta. **Brendan McMorro**, Fivemilebourne Mass on Sun 22nd Dec at 11.15am.
Individual Confessions, on Tuesday 24th December (Christmas Eve) from 12.00 noon to 1.00pm.
The People of the Parish. Mass on Tuesday 24th December (Christmas Eve) at 9.00pm.
Special Intention Mass on Wednesday 25th December (Christmas Day) at 11.15am.
No Mass on Friday 27th December at 8.00pm.
Joe Toolan, Rockvalley. Mass on Sunday 29th December at 11.15am.
May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.
3. **Liturgy for December:** Readers – Helen/Anna Sweeney; Collectors – Patrick McGoldrick & Mark Meehan; Altar Society – **Volunteers needed. Please contact Fr Paul or Brendan.**

CHURCH OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD, NEWTOWNMANOR:

1. **Mass: Wednesday (Christmas Day) at 10.00am; No Mass on Thursday; Sunday at 10.00am.**
2. **Pray for:**
Hugh & Teresa Loughlin, Moragh. **Jim & Bridget McDermott**, Leckaun. Mass on Sunday 22nd December at 10.00am.
Special Intention. The People of the Parish. Mass on Wed 25th Dec (Christmas Day) at 10am.
No Mass on Thursday 26th December at 8.00pm.
Available for Intention. Mass on Sunday 29th December at 10.00am.
May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.
3. **Liturgy for December:** Readers – Teresa & Sarah Rooney and Deirdre McGourty; Collectors – John Logue and Volunteers; Altar Society – Margaret Feehily.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, KILLARGUE:

1. **Mass: Tuesday (Christmas Eve) at 7.00pm; Saturday (Vigil) at 8.00pm.**
2. **Pray for:**
David & Annie Mellett and Deceased Family Members. Mass on Saturday 21st December at 8.00pm.
Packie & Margaret Cullen, Fenagh. **Paddy & Annie Neary**, Aclare. **Mass on Tues (Christ Eve) at 7pm.**
Mary Alice Kelly (1st Anniversary) and her husband **Terence**, Killargue. (Vigil) Mass on Saturday 28th December at 8.00pm.
May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.
3. **Liturgy for December:** Reader – Ryan Casey & Pauric Cullen; Collectors – Jimmy Harkin & Joe Walpole; Altar Society – Patricia Harkin & Carmel Loughlin.

A Gentle Reminder: As we are now in the month of **December**, could I ask that the **Dues & Offertory Collections for 2024** are brought up to date before the end of the year. Parishioners will receive a statement of their 2024 payments to the parish, in the new year. **However, only amounts received in the calendar year of 2024, will be included in this statement.**

Cheques for the Dues and November Offerings to be made payable to:

'Dromahair Killargue Priests Revenue Account' (IBAN: IE87 AIBK 9371 3400 8220 74).

Cheques for all other collections to be made payable to your local Church:

'Dromahair Church' (IBAN: IE07 AIBK 9371 3405 6971 82) or

'Killargue Church' (IABN: IE13 AIBK 9371 3413 9200 55) or

'Manor Church' (IBAN: IE06 BOFI 9054 0811 4080 87).

Payments by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to the Bank Accounts/IBAN's outlined above are welcome. Please add your name for reference on our bank statements

Christmas: "He is the light of humanity shining in the darkness, giving meaning to human existence and to the whole of history." —Pope Francis

