**DROMAHAIR – KILLARGUE- NEWTOWNMANOR**

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# Sunday 23rd May 2021 – Pentecost Sunday

**Bishop Martin Hayes has issued the following guidance regarding the resumption of Public Masses.**

It is important that parishes ensure that their churches are safe places for people to gather in accord with the public health guidelines. We must proceed with caution as the Covid-19 virus and its variants are still present in our country. We are still fighting a contagious virus and we must ensure the health and safety of everyone in order to save lives.

I wish to advise the faithful that the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days remains suspended and every person should consider carefully if returning to collective worship is the safe and appropriate step for them at this time. Liturgies can continue to be streamed via webcam. After the long suspension of public worship each parish must ensure that;

* **stewards are to be in place for all liturgical gatherings,**
* **sanitisation stations are operational,**
* **entry and exit points and routes are clearly indicated,**
* **seating is 2 meters apart within the church (with household groups seated together).**
* **mask wearing is mandatory for all gatherings in a church,**
* **the church must be sanitised after each liturgical celebration and**
* **parishioners are to be encouraged not to gather outside the church or in the carpark after liturgical celebrations.**

## Today’s Gospel Reflection – ‘The Spirit will guide.’

In today's Gospel, we see that Jesus is comfortable with an element of mystery. Speaking to the disciples before his arrest, Jesus is preparing them for the gift of the Spirit. The word he often uses is ***'Advocate***', meaning *helper or comforter,* indicating the disciples *will not be left to struggle on alone.* We hear Jesus say that the complete truth is too much for the disciples now. The mysteries of his life, death and Resurrection, and the implications for his followers - all will become clearer in due course. The Spirit will guide you; he says. Not everything is revealed at once.

Then in our first reading from Acts, we recall the ***coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost***, just as Jesus promised. The disciples are gathered together when they have a powerful experience of the Holy Spirit, urging them out into the streets, proclaiming the Good News. The time has come. They must have remembered Jesus' promise then, *finally understanding what he meant* when he said the Spirit would lead them, when the time was right.

The Spirit is still at work in our world. As our journey continues-as humanity, as church, as individuals-the Spirit unveils God's message for our place and time. The Spirit is that life-giving force that animates our world, inspiring and energizing us. **Our task is to listen**, to be awake to the many ways *God speaks to us* and calls us into the life of God.

**Recent Baptism:** We welcome to the Christian Community – **Fionn Mac Comiskey**. Son of Trevor & Edel, who was baptised on Saturday 15th May, in the Church of Mary the Mother of God, Newtownmanor.

**Leckaun N.S. Parents Association** - are organizing a Used Clothes Collection on the 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th of June, in Newtownmanor Hall, from 7pm to 8pm. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Please contact Angela 087 6941174, Fidelma 087 2870584, Michelle 086 8765702, Catherine 086 6030827, or any parent for further details.**

**RECENTLY DECEASED: Mary Scanlon,** Sligo, whose funeral took place on Tuesday last, 18th May in St Anne’s Church. ***May She rest in Peace. Amen.***

**First Communion and Confirmation:** The Government advised that these ceremonies should not take place at present. The difficulty is not with the ceremony but with what happens afterwards. **Dates for** **Confirmation are as follows**: **Drumlease N.S*. Saturday, 21st August in Dromahair Church*.** **Leckaun N.S.*****14th August in Newtownmanor Church****, beginning at 11am*. **Holy Communion** for Drumlease N.S. will take place early in October. Date to be arranged early in September.

**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:**

**Kathleen McCawley,** Dowra**. Francis Harte,** Kilcoosy & Dublin, and his brothers, **Michael & John,** and their parents, **Patrick & Margaret**.Mass on Sun 23rd May at 11.15am.

**Special Intention.** Mass on Wednesday 26th May at 9.30am *(streamed live).*

**Mike O’Kelly,** Sligo**.** MemorialMass on Friday 28th May at 8.00pm *(streamed live).*

**Elizabeth Foley,** Drumbrsna, Co. Roscommon**.** Mass on Sunday 30th May at 11.15am *(streamed live).*

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

1. **Liturgy for May:** Readers - Drumlease N.S (from Sunday 16th May); Collectors - John McMorrow & Tommy Sweeney; Altar Society - Chris McGoldrick.

**CHURCH OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD, NEWTOWNMANOR:**

1. **Mass:** Thursday at 8.00pm; Sunday at 10.00am.
2. **Pray for:**

**James & Margaret Rooney,** Gortnaskeagh & **Patrick Rooney,** Mullies**.** Mass Sun 23rd May 10am.

**Special Intention.** Mass on Thursday 27th May at 8.00pm.

**Michael Cunningham &** his son, **Michael,** Fawnlion**. Molly Cunningham.** Mass on Sun 30th May

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

1. **Liturgy for May:** Reader - Leckaun N.S (from Sunday 16th May); Collectors - Hubert Loughlin & Paul McDermott; Altar Society - Bernadette Banks & Mai Devaney.

**ST. BRIGID’S CHURCH, KILLARGUE:**

1. **Mass:** Tuesday at **8.00pm** (followed by Rosary); Saturday (Vigil) at **8.00pm** **(please note change of time on both days).**
2. **Pray for:**

**Jack, Annie & John Walpole.** (Vigil)Mass on Saturday 22nd May at **8.00pm.**

**Available for Intention.** Mass on Tuesday 25th May at **8.00pm.**

**Thomas McGuinness & Deceased Family Members,** Lisgorman. (Vigil) Mass on Saturday 29th May at **8.00pm.**

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

1. **Liturgy for May:** Readers – Carmel Loughlin (from Saturday 15th May); Collectors - John McMorrow & Seamus Reynolds; Altar Society - Patsy McGoey & Bernadette Feeney

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**Offertory Envelopes/Dues:** If you wish to bring your contributions up to date, you may do so in the coming weeks in the Church. A special word of ***Thanks to all who handed in envelopes. Much appreciated.***

