

DROMAHAIR – KILLARGUE – NEWTOWNMANOR

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Sunday 14th May 2020 – Feast of the Ascension of the Lord (World Communications Day)

This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Ascension.

To those who wonder what it's about: It's the day when Jesus started to work from HOME.

Thought for the week

I was once asked a very tricky question during a job interview and it HASN'T left me since: "Your driving in your car on a stormy day. You pass by a bus stop and see three people waiting there. *The first* is the perfect woman of your dreams. *The second* is an old friend who once saved your life; and *the third* is a lonely old lady who looks really sick.

If you only had one seat in your car...who would you offer a lift to?"

LET'S THINK ABOUT IT....

This is a moral and ethical dilemma which was used as part of a job application.

Do you pick up the old woman...because she is in critical condition and you should save her first?

Do you take the old friend.....

because he once saved your life, and this would be a perfect opportunity to pay him back?

However, both choices leave you missing out on the woman of your dreams.

The candidate hired (out of 200 applicants), however, had no trouble answering.

He simply said. *"I would give the car keys to my old friend, let him drive the old lady to the hospital, and stay behind to wait for the bus with the woman of my dreams."* His answer left me stunned!!!!

It completely changed my outlook...and reminded me to always, **"THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX!"**

"Everyone is born with an instinct of success and ability to make it, but only the ones who think outside the box SUCCEED."

Recently Deceased: **David Purvis**, Dromahair, whose funeral took place on Tuesday last - 19th May. **Paula McGoldrick**, Downpatrick, Dromahair and Ballisodare, who died recently. Paula was a devoted member of our Church choir while she lived in Dromahair.

May they Rest in the Peace.

THANK YOU TO all those who have dropped offertory, dues and their Trócaire contributions into my house or have given them to me in person. Your support and generosity towards the parish in these difficult times, is very much appreciated. Thanks again. Fr Paul.

ACCORD: If you need to speak to an experienced Couples and Relationship Counsellor, please contact 01 531 331 open 9am to 8pm Monday to Friday

OUR TROCAIRE BOXES: Every year Trócaire asks for your help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world. This year, of course, it was not possible to return Trócaire boxes through schools or parishes in the usual way. This is the worst possible timing coming just as the world's poorest people need us most. Therefore, Trócaire are appealing to you to return your Lenten donation. Simply count or estimate what is in your box and donate in the following ways:

1. Online at www.trocaire.org
2. By phone: 1850 408 408 (ROI) or 0800 912 1200 (NI)
3. By post to Trócaire, Maynooth, Co. Kildare (ROI) or Trócaire, 10 King Street, Belfast, BT1 6AD (NI)
4. Check with your local parish on how to safely return your donation (**If it is possible and safe for people to return donations to your parish, please include those details here**)

The contents of each and every Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, DROMAHAIR:

1. **Mass: No Sunday or Weekday Mass until further notice.**

CHURCH OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, NEWTOWNMANOR:

1. **Mass: No Sunday or Weekday Mass until further notice.**

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, KILLARGUE:

1. **Mass: No Saturday (Vigil Mass) or Weekday Mass until further notice.**
2. **Eucharistic Adoration: Cancelled until further notice.**
3. **Killargue 'Old' Cemetery:** A sincere 'Thank you' to those who volunteered to cut the grass in the Old Cemetery and to those who cut the grass there as well as in the Church Grounds, around the Parochial House and at the Holy Well. Hopefully, the RSS workers will be able to resume work soon. If not, hopefully the volunteers who were not needed on this occasion will be available again, if required. Míle Buíochas.

Link to Cavan Cathedral Webcam - <https://www.churchservices.tv/cavancathedral>
Daily Mass is broadcast live at 10.00am & 6.30pm. The Rosary is recited at 4.00pm.

Mass on your TV from Monday to Friday on RTE News Now at 10.30am

Link to St. Clare's Church, Manorhamilton, webcam - <https://churchtv.ie/st-claire-manorhamilton.html>

The Blessing of the Graves: Due to Covid-19 and keeping with the government and health officials advice, our annual blessing of the graves will not take place this July as in other years. However, we hope to have the blessing later in the summer when circumstances will permit them to be truly a family and community celebrations.

Anniversary Masses and memorial Masses: That have been booked and because of Covid-19 were unable to be celebrated, can be rearranged when we are able to gather for Mass in our Churches. Please contact Fr Paul to rearrange those Masses when it is safe again. Thank You.

Senior Help Line: Any caller, concerned about Covid-19, will receive the most up to date guidance as recommended by Government sources. Good health practice is reinforced at all times. **SeniorLine is a FREEPHONE service and our older callers can call free between 10am and 10pm every day of the year on 1800-80-45-91**

The Backpack Program: Several Online Backpack Courses are beginning in the coming weeks. There will be online Zoom courses available for various age groups; teenagers, young adults and adults, including an Adult Faith Formation Course. Get in touch for more details: 083-487 7325 /contact@thebackpack.life
Visit: www.thebackpack.life to register your interest.

