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**Sunday 24th September 2023 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**DROMAHAIR – KILLARGUE - NEWTOWNMANOR**

**Something to Ponder On**

Building the future with migrants and refugees means recognising and valuing how much each of them *can contribute* to the process of construction. I like to see this approach to migration reflected in a prophetic vision of Isaiah, which considers foreigners, not invaders or destroyers, but willing labourers who rebuild the walls of the new Jerusalem, that Jerusalem whose gates are open to all peoples (cf. Is 60:10- 11). Indeed, history teaches us that the contribution of migrants and refugees has been fundamental to the social and economic growth of our societies. This continues to be true in our own day. Their work, their youth, their enthusiasm and their willingness to enrich the communities that receive them. Yet this contribution *could be all the greater* were it optimised and supported by carefully developed programs and initiatives.

Enormous potential exists, ready to be harnessed, if only it is given a chance.

The presence of migrants and refugees *can represent a great challenge*, but at the same time an immense opportunity for the cultural and spiritual growth of everyone. Openness to one another creates spaces of fruitful exchange between different visions and traditions *and opens minds to new horizons*. It also leads to a discovery of the richness present in other religions and forms of spirituality unfamiliar to us, and this helps us to deepen our own convictions.

As we have seen, the arrival of Catholic migrants and refugees can energise the ecclesial life of the communities that welcome them. Often, they bring an enthusiasm that can revitalise our communities and enliven our celebrations. Sharing different expressions of faith and devotions, offers us a privileged opportunity for experiencing more fully, the People of God. ***Pope Francis***

**Advance Notice – Change of Mass Time**

**Fr Paul will be away on the weekend of Saturday 14th/Sunday 15th October.** **Fr Tom McManus P.P., Drumkeeran, will celebrate the** **Vigil Mass on Saturday 14th September, in Killargue Church, at 8.00pm, for the whole parish.** **Please note that there will be No Mass on Sunday 15th October in either Newtownmanor or Dromahair Churches.**

**Please note also that there will be no St. Peregrine Mass for the sick in Killargue Church, on Tuesday 10th October at 8.00pm.**

**Safeguarding Sunday 2023**

**Our 7th annual Safeguarding Sunday will take place throughout the diocese this weekend - 23rd/24th of Sept 2023.** We hope this will help to create a greater awareness of safeguarding in our parishes and diocese and to acknowledge and thank the great contribution of many people in ensuring that our diocesan safeguarding policies are implemented.

The newsletter will be available to download from [www.kilmorediocese.ie/](http://www.kilmorediocese.ie/) safeguarding children

**Please download a copy and update yourself of developments in safeguarding in our diocese.**

# Eucharistic Ministers: Thanks to those who gave their names in the past to help out as Eucharistic Ministers here in St Patrick’s Church, Dromahair. If you haven’t given your name and would like to help out, please let Fr Paul know in the next week. Training will begin shortly. Thanking you*. Fr Paul.*

# ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, DROMAHAIR:

1. **Mass: No Mass on Monday’s;** Wednesday at 9.30am; Friday at 8.00pm; Sun at 11.15am.
2. **Pray for:**

**Ciara Pugsley,** Fenagh, Killargue. Anniversary Mass on Sunday 24th September at 11.15am.

**Available for Intention.** Mass on Wednesday 27th September at 9.30am.

**Available for Intention.** Mass on Friday 29th September at 8.00pm.

**Martin Dolan,** Drumlease, 1st Anniversary**. Patrick & Bridget McGowan** and their daughters **Sheila & Mary.** Mass on Sunday 1st October at 11.15am.

#### May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.

1. **Liturgy for October:** Reader; Susan Kivlehan. Collectors; Michéal McGoldrick & Seán McGoldrick. Altar Society; Kathleen Watters & Christina Loughlin.

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

1. **Mass:** Thursday at 8pm; Sunday at 10.00pm.

### Pray for:

**Mickey & Lena Loughlin,** Gortnaskeagh. Mass on Sunday 24th September at 10.00am.

**Available for Intention.** Mass on Thursday 28th September at 8.00pm.

**Available for Intention.** Mass on Sunday 1st October at 10.00am.

#### May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.

1. **Liturgy for October**: Readers; Anne & John Longworth. Collectors; Tommy McGourty & Kevin Comiskey. Altar Society; Philomena Dolan & Margaret Banks.

**ST. BRIGID’S CHURCH, KILLARGUE:**

1. **Mass**: Tuesday at 8pm **(Adoration from 7pm to 8pm)**; Saturday (Vigil) Mass at 8pm.
2. **Pray for:**

**Katie Harte,** Cloonlougher. **Jack & Mary McGovern,** Blackgardens. (Vigil) Mass on Saturday 23rd September at 8.00pm.

**Available for Intention.** Mass on Tuesday 26th September at 8.00pm **(Adoration from 7.00pm to 8.00pm).**

**Francis & Bridget McTernan**, Mullaghmore, and their daughters **Alice Brennan**, New Jersey, U.S.A., & **Breege Coggins,** Rathcormac, Sligo.

#### May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.

1. **Liturgy for October:** Reader – Bernadette Feeney & Padraig Fitzpatrick; Collectors – Pauric Cullen; Altar Society – Mary Cullen & Bridget Fitzpatrick.

**Novena to Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary**

**Our Novena will be recited in all three Churches in the parish commencing on 1st October and continuing until 9th October.**

**Times for each Church will follow next week.**

The Year for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood commenced in April 2023. The Council for Vocations of the Bishops’ Conference has organised this year to promote vocations to the diocesan priesthood. In supporting this initiative, we offer our prayers of intercession to Our Blessed Mother for a fresh outpouring of vocations. She has promised us that:

***‘You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the Rosary.’***

**Leitrim County Council will continue to operate the Community Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme for the season 2023/2024:** The Grant is €75 per km of roadside hedge/overhanging trees which are cut back. Further information and application forms website [http://www.leitrimcoco.ie](http://www.leitrimcoco.ie/) or by contacting the Roads Department on 071-9620005 / 630. **Closing Date is Wednesday 31st January 2024.**

**Altar Serving:** It’s that time of year again, when we look for new altar servers for the year 2023/2024. On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council, I would like to thank all involved supporting and promoting altar serving over the last year. *Please encourage your child/grandchild to consider helping out*. *Fr Paul.*