

DROMAHAIR – KILLARGUE - NEWTOWNMANOR

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25th December 2023 – The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)

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 prayers, patience, perseverance, and generosity to me and to the parish during the year.

May the gentle God of Christmas fill your heart and your 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 – 2023

Christmas Eve Masses (Sunday 24th December); Killargue at **7.00pm**. Dromahair at **9.00pm**.
Christmas Day Masses (Monday 25th December); Newtownmanor at **10am**. Dromahair at **11.15am**.

We invite all our Parishioners to make a special effort (if you can) to come to Mass for Christmas.

It is very important that we do not let ourselves be cut off from the faith community.

Let us celebrate Christmas as a Parish family.

Society of St Vincent de Paul: In these difficult times the SVP is available to help out in the event of financial/energy difficulty. We can be contacted on 085-776 4431. Thanks to everyone's support.

Collection Envelopes for 2024

The Dues/Offertory/Special Collection Envelope boxes for 2024 are available for collection after Mass in all three churches. **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 priest. Many boxes will have new numbers.

Income & Expenditure Accounts for 2022 are now posted on church notice boards.

Recently Deceased: **Brendan McMorro**, Fivemilebourne, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Patrick's Church, Dromahair, on Thursday last – 21st December, **William O'Brien**, Killavoggy, sister of Liz Fowley, Drumlease, whose funeral took place on Thursday, 14th December. **Sr Martina Hamilton**, Convent of Mercy, Ballyshannon, and formerly of Lisgorman, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday 15th December. **Jim Rooney**, San Francisco, USA and formerly of Buckhill, Killargue, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Thursday 14th December. **Jim Kelly**, Dundrum, Dublin, and formerly of Sox Line, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Thursday 14th December. **Norah McDonnell**, Culleens, Co. Sligo. Mother of Carmel Harvey, Drumkeel, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday 11th December.

May they all Rest in Peace. Amen.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, DROMAHAIR:

1. **Mass:** Sunday (Christmas Eve) at 9.00pm; Monday (Christmas Day) at 11.15am;
No Mass Wednesday at 9.30am; No Mass on Friday at 8.00pm; Sunday at 11.15am.
2. **Pray for:**
Tom Conlon, Aughameelta. Mass on Sunday 24th December (Christmas Eve) at 9.00pm.
The People of the Parish. Monday 25th December (Christmas Day) at 11.15am.
No Mass on Wednesday 27th December at 9.30am.
No Mass on Friday 29th December at 8.00pm.
Daniel & Mary Hannon, Shriff, and Deceased of the Hannon & Rooney families. Mass on Sunday 31st 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.

CHURCH OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD, NEWTOWNMANOR:

1. **Mass:** Monday (Christmas Day) at 10.00am. No Mass on Thursday at 8.00pm; Sunday at 10.00am.
2. **Pray for:**
The People of the Parish. Monday 25th December (Christmas Day) at 10.00am.
No Mass on Thursday 28th December at 8.00pm.
Available for Intention. Sunday 31st 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 and Sarah Rooney, Deirdre McGourty; Collectors – John Logue and Volunteers; Altar Society – Margaret Feehily and Mary Keegan.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, KILLARGUE:

1. **Mass:** Sunday (Christmas Eve) at 7.00pm; No Mass on Tues at 8.00pm; Sat (Vigil) Mass at 8pm.
2. **Pray for:**
The People of the Parish. Mass on Saturday 23rd December at 8.00pm.
Patrick & Margaret Cullen, Fenagh. Annie Neary, Aclare. Mass on Sunday 24th December at 7pm.
No Mass on Tuesday 26th December at 8.00pm.
Available for Intention. Mass on Saturday 30th December at 8.00pm.
May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.
3. **Liturgy for December:** Readers – Pauric Cullen and Ryan Casey; Collectors – Jimmy Harkin & Joe Walpole; Altar Society – Patricia Harkin & Carmel Loughlin.

A Gentle Reminder: As this is the month of December, could I ask that the **Dues & Offertory Collections for 2023 are brought up to date before the end of the year.** Parishioners will receive a statement of their 2023 payments to the parish, in the new year. However, only amounts received in the calendar year of 2023, will be included in this statement. Cheques for the Dues and November Offerings to made payable to

'Dromahair Killargue Priests Revenue Account' (IBAN: IE87 AIBK 9371 3400 822074).

Cheques for all other collections to be made payable to your local Church i.e.,

'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.

A sincere **'Thank You'** to everyone for your generosity in supporting your parish in these times.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, again. Thank you, **Fr Paul.**

Sharon Loughlin Memorial Fun Run/Walk 2023: Angela, John, and Shane Loughlin along with the committee members would like to thank everyone for their kind donations for Sharon's memorial walk.

A cheque for €4,850.00 has been presented to the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association.

"Let the Church always be a place of Mercy and Hope, where everyone is WELCOMED, LOVED AND FORGIVEN". (Pope Francis)