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Dromahair ~ Killargue ~ Newtownmanor

Sunday 25th December 2011 ~ The Nativity of Our Lord ~ Christmas Day

In our Masses on ***Christmas Eve & Christmas Day***, we celebrate the ***Mystery of the Incarnation*** ~
the Son of God is born among us and as one like us.
With a Spirit of Hope & Joy we gather as a ***Eucharistic People*** to say thanks at our
Christmas celebrations.

We wish all our Parishioners in **Dromahair ~ Killargue ~ Newtownmanor**, those who joined the
parish this year, attend our churches from adjoining parishes, those home on holidays, all our visitors
and friends,

Peace, Happiness and Every Blessing as we celebrate the Birth of our Saviour.
Greetings & Good wishes to our good neighbours in Drumlease Parish Church.

***Nollaig Shona! Happy Christmas! Joyeux Noel! Frohe Weihnacht! Feliz Navidad!
Buon Natale! God Jul! Wesolych Swiat!***

GENERAL / CHURCH NOTICES.

[A] Times for Christmas Masses:

Christmas Eve ~ Saturday 24th December

Newtownmanor ~ 7.00pm; Killargue ~ 9.00pm & Dromahair ~ 10.00pm.

Christmas Day ~ Sunday 25th December

Newtownmanor ~ 10.00am; Killargue ~ 10.30am & Dromahair ~ 11.15am.

[B] IEC 2012: Book Now to attend the ***50th International Eucharistic Congress*** which takes place in Dublin from the
10th - 17th June 2012. The **Opening Ceremony** takes place in the RDS on **10th June** and there will be ceremonies each day
from 11th – 16th June, also in the RDS. The **Closing Ceremony** takes place in **Croke Park on Sunday 17th June 2012.**
Family Day is on **Tuesday 12th June** and it is hoped that groups from the Diocese of Kilmore will attend on that day.
Registration is on - line: www.iec2012.ie/registration You can book for 7 days, for 3 days or for 1 day.
You can attend as an individual, as a family or as a group. ***Do not leave it to the last minute!***
Read more about the different booking possibilities at www.iec2012.ie and book now

[C] Thanks to all who attended the Carol Service in Drumlease Parish Church last Sunday.
It was a lovely occasion and a great opportunity to sing and pray together at Christmas time.
Thanks to all who attended the Communal Service of Reconciliation ~ an important preparation for Christmas.

[D] Fr. Gene Dowd extends Christmas good wishes to everyone.
He deeply appreciates the cards and letters he has received and apologises that he is unable to answer them all personally

[E] We remember: Joe Rooney, Glencar (father of Phonsie Rooney, Drumlease) whose funeral took place on Thursday last
& Gerry Mc Loughlin, Killargue whose funeral took place on Saturday 10th December.
And **we remember too: Richard, Claire, Ben & Aaron Smith, Leeds** and we pray for their family as well.
May they rest in peace.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, DROMAHAIR.

1. Mass: Monday ~ St. Stephen's Day ~ 12.00 noon; Tuesday 9.30am; Friday 11.00am;

Sunday ~ New Year's Day ~ 11.15am.

2. Pray for: -

**Terry & Patsy Kilfeather, Grange, and deceased family members. Anniversary Mass Monday 26th December
at 12.00noon.**

Joe Toolan, Rockvalley, Anniversary Mass Friday 30th December at 11.00am.

Mary Christina Healy, Main St, Dromahair, Anniversary Mass Sunday 1st January at 11.15am.

May they rest in peace.

3. Liturgy for January: Readers: Mary Brodie & Paul Jordon. Collectors: Tommy Smith.
Altar Society: Rosaleen Maguire & Joey Kelly.

CHURCH OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, NEWTOWNMANOR.

1. **Mass: Sunday ~ New Year's Day ~ 10.00am.**
2. **Pray for:-**
Deceased of Manor area, Mass Sunday 1st January at 10.00am.
May they rest in peace!
3. **Liturgy for January: Reader: Sarah Comiskey. Collectors: Jim Banks & Paddy Devaney.**
Altar Society: Kathleen McGoldrick & Mary Fowley.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, KILLARGUE.

1. **Mass: Saturday ~ New Year's Eve Mass ~ 7.00pm;**
2. **Pray for:-**
Deceased of Killargue area. Mass Saturday 31st December at 7.00pm..
May they rest in peace!
3. **Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesdays 7.00pm – 8.00pm & Padre Pio Novena: First Tuesdays at 7.00pm.**
4. **Liturgy for January: Readers: Shane Cullen & Josie Feeney. Collectors: Mary McGovern, Brian Dolan & Tommy Gallagher. Altar Society: Tess Walpole & Áine McMorrow.**

Community Notices.

1. **No Bingo on St. Stephen's Day. Bingo resumes on Monday night 2nd January at 9.00pm in The Blue Devon.**
All lines €30, except games 5 & 10 which are €50. All houses €100 and last game €200. ***Your support is appreciated!***
2. **Progressive 25 Card – Game ~ Newtownmanor Hall: Every Friday night at 9.00pm. New faces – young and old – most welcome. Come along for a night of great fun!**
3. **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land ~ 8th – 15th October 2012: Direct flight from Dublin. Spiritual Director ~ Fr. Dan Sheridan. For booking and information contact Anna Brady 049 4336291/087 2549960.**

Saint Vincent de Paul Collection.

Thanks for your generous contributions to the special parish collection last week.
€1.034 has been raised to date.

Tax Relief for Donations to Eligible Charities and Approved Bodies.

Thanks to 30 families who returned the CHY2 Revenue Forms.

Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the Sunday Offertory Collections and the Dues during 2011.

Offertory Collection = Day - to- Day upkeep of each church, repair & refurbishment of parish buildings, churches and the **running expenses of the relevant parish area** during the year.
The Offertory Collection also makes a major contribution in topping up the shortfall in the **Diocesan Services Collection** from the parish.

Dues = Support and upkeep of **priests** in parish & Diocese.

Our local **Food – Stores** served us well during the last winter's severe weather ~ when travel was almost impossible.
We should support them during the time ahead.

God's only Son, Jesus, hugs our humanity into his very being! Edward Taylor.