

DROMAHAIR – KILLARGUE - NEWTOWNMANOR

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25th December 2022 – The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)

Christmas Carol

Away in a Manger.

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky
And stay by my bedside, till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care
And take us to Heaven to live with Thee there.

Christmas Carol

O Come all ye faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of Angels.
O come, let us adore Him, (x3)
Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest.
O come, let us adore Him, (x3)
Christ the Lord!

Please join in singing our Christmas Carols.

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 ALL.

Arrangements for Christmas – 2022

Christmas Eve Masses (Saturday 24th December): Killargue at **7.00pm**. Dromahair at **9.00pm**.

Christmas Day Masses (Sunday 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, especially those who have not returned to Mass since Covid-19. It is so important that you do not let yourself be cut off from the faith community. God wants us all to gather together.

Let us celebrate Christmas as a Parish family.

Collection Envelopes for 2023

The Dues/Offertory/Special Collection Envelope boxes for 2023 are now available for collection after Mass in all three churches. All envelopes are in one box. **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. **Income & Expenditure Accounts for 2021 are posted on church notice boards.** **Please note that most boxes will have new numbers.**

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.

Recently Deceased:

Monica McConnell, Dromahair, Funeral will take place on Wednesday, 28th December in St Patrick's Church, Dromahair. **Annie Neary**, Aclare, Co. Sligo (mother of Mary Cullen, Killargue), who died on Thursday 22nd December. **Jennie Maxwell**, Tullinascreena, Dromahair, whose Funeral Mass took place on Thursday 22nd December in St. Mary's Church, Killenummery.

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

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, DROMAHAIR:

1. **Mass: No Mass on Monday's; Funeral Mass on Wednesday at 11am;**
No Mass (No Adoration) on Friday at 8.00pm: Sunday at 11.15am.
2. **Pray for:**
Tom Conlon, Aughameelta. 1st Anniv. Christmas Eve Mass on Saturday 24th December at **9.00pm.**
The People of the Parish. Christmas Day Mass on Sunday 25th December at **11.15am.**
Monica McConnell, Dromahair. **Funeral Mass on Wednesday**, 28th December at 11am.
Mary Kelly, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford. **Funeral Mass on Wednesday** 28th Dec at 2.30pm
Joe Toolan, Rockvalley. **Bobby Johnston**, 1st Anniv. Mass on Sunday 1st January at 11.15am.
May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.
3. **Liturgy for January:** Readers – Paul Jordan & Mary Brodie; Collectors – Pdraig Watters & Kevin McGoldrick; Altar Society – Volunteers needed. **Please contact Fr Paul or Pdraig.**

CHURCH OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD, NEWTOWNMANOR:

1. **Mass: Thursday at 7.00pm (No Adoration);** Sunday at 10.00am.
2. **Pray for:**
The People of the Parish. Christmas Day Mass on Sunday 25th December at 10.00am.
Bridget Dolan, Cornalaughta. **Months Memory Mass on Thurs 29th Dec at 7pm (No Adoration).**
Albert Gubay, Manchester. 7th Anniversary. Mass on Sunday 1st January at 10.00am.
May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.
3. **Liturgy for January:** Readers – Martina Feeney & Deirdre McGourty; Collectors – Jim Banks & Volunteer; Altar Society – Bernie Boylan & Hazel Curry.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, KILLARGUE:

1. **Mass: No Mass (No Adoration) on Tuesday at 8.00pm;** Saturday (Vigil Mass) at 8.00pm.
2. **Pray for:**
Patrick & Margaret Cullen, Fenagh. Christmas Eve Mass on Saturday 24th December at **7.00pm.**
No Mass (No Adoration) on Tuesday 27th December at 8.00pm.
Special Intention. (Vigil) Mass on Saturday 31st December at 8.00pm.
May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.
3. **Liturgy for January:** Reader; Josie Feeney Collectors; Tommy Gallagher & Volunteer; Altar Society: Marianne Feeney.

A Gentle Reminder: As we are now in the last month of the year, could I ask that the **Dues & Offertory Collections for 2022** are brought up to date before the end of the year. Parishioners will receive a statement of their 2022 payments to the parish, in the new year. **However, only amounts received in the calendar year of 2022, will be included in this statement.** **Cheques** for the **Dues and November Offerings** made payable to **'Dromahair Killargue Priests Revenue Account'**. **Cheques** for all other collections to be made payable to your local Church i.e., **'Dromahair Church'** or **'Killargue Church'** or **'Manor Church'**. Sincere thanks to all who have kept their parish contributions up to date in difficult times. **Fr Paul.**

Sincere thanks to everyone who attended the **Christmas Ecumenical Carol Service** on Sunday last – 18th December in St. Patrick's Church, Dromahair, and also to those who supported the collection which was taken up. **A total of €419.00 was raised for the local St. Vincent de Paul Conference.** This money will help support the vulnerable in our community. **Mile Buíochas.**

The Divine Child to whom Mary gave birth, is the fulfillment of every Hope, Expectation and Need. Jesus-Emmanuel is the Presence of God to our desert-emptiness, power in our weakness, bread to our hunger, water to our thirst, companion to our loneliness, forgiveness to our sins, and eternal life in our dying. Together, we Pray, COME, LORD JESUS.