

DROMAHAIR – KILLARGUE - NEWTOWNMANOR

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Sunday 28th January 2024 – The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Upcoming Feast Days in February

Thursday 1st February is the Feast of St. Brigid - Secondary Patron Saint of Ireland: Mass for the Feast Day will be celebrated in Newtownmanor Church at 8.00pm. St. Brigid's Crosses will be blessed at this Mass and also on Saturday 3rd February at the 8.00pm Vigil Mass in Killargue Church. At 10.00am Mass in Newtownmanor Church and at 11.15am Mass in Dromahair Church on Sunday 4th February. You may wish to leave a small donation. Proceeds in aid of North - West Hospice.

Friday 2nd February is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - Candlemas Day: Mass for the Feast Day will be celebrated in Dromahair Church at 8.00pm. Candles for church and home use will be blessed at this Mass and also on Saturday 3rd February at the 8.00pm Vigil Mass in Killargue Church. At 10.00am Mass in Newtownmanor Church and at 11.15am Mass in Dromahair Church on Sunday 4th February. Candles are available to purchase in local shops.

Saturday 3rd February is the Feast of Saint Blaise: A General Blessing of Throats (not an individual Blessing), will take place at the 8.00pm Vigil Mass in Killargue Church on Saturday 3rd February. At 10.00am Mass in Newtownmanor Church and at 11.15am Mass in Dromahair Church, on Sunday 4th February.

Message from Bishop Martin to accompany Report on Responses from Parish Meetings

I welcome this report and thank all who made it happen. It offers insight into the reality of parish life throughout our diocese. We are taking steps now to address some issues raised arising from the increasing age profile of our priests and their decreasing numbers. There are two issues we are working on – the frequency of how we celebrate Mass and developing the role of lay people in the mission of the parish, especially towards young people.

The celebration of Mass is central to who we are as church. We will undertake discussions in the coming months between neighbouring parishes to reduce the number of Masses. My desire is that this will lead to greater participation by parishioners and life-giving celebrations of the Mass – *full and active participation by all the people*¹.

In preparation for these discussions, I offer during this Lenten season a resource for each parish to renew its appreciation of the Mass, particularly the value of optimal participation by people. Further details of this programme will be made available in the coming weeks prior to Lent 2024 – *the needed programme of instruction*¹. It is important for the faith of our people that the communal gathering, that is the Liturgy of the Mass, will have a lasting influence on community life.

While there are technological possibilities of availing of Mass online as happened during COVID-19 and as noted in the report, it is the actual physical participation in the Mass with other parishioners that will ensure the future of our parish faith communities.

The openness in the report to the increasing involvement of lay people in the life of our parishes is a real sign of hope. It offers encouragement to our ongoing work with Maynooth Pontifical University to put in place courses in lay ministry specifically to address the needs of Kilmore Diocese. The focus of these courses will be on 'people skills' as is emphasised in the report including teamwork with our priests and permanent deacons. I'll keep you updated on progress here.

Recently Deceased: **Rosaleen Harte**, Drumconnor, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Killenummery, on Friday last – 26th January. **Johnny Halpin**, Dromahair and formerly of Rathmines, Dublin and Ballymacarbry, Waterford, whose Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Patrick's Church, Dromahair, on Monday last – 22nd January. **Bernadette Ryan (nee McHugh)**, New Jersey, USA, and formerly, Gortermone, Killargue. Funeral Mass will be celebrated in New Jersey, on Saturday 3rd February. **May they all Rest in Peace. Amen.**

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, DROMAHAIR:

1. **Mass: No Mass on Monday's;** Wednesday at 9.30am; **Friday at 8pm (Candlemas);** Sun at 11.15am.
2. **Pray for:**
Matt & Sean Clinton, Kilcoosey. **Kathleen Fenton**, Larkfield Lawns. Mass Sun 28th Jan at 11.15am.
Available for Intention. Mass on Wednesday 31st January at 9.30am.
Mass for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Friday 2nd February at 8.00pm.
Tom Devaney, Collooney & Kilcoosey, **1st Anniversary.** **Eamon Donaghue**, Belhavel. Memorial Mass, **Pat, Kate, Jim & Kathleen Conlon**, Anniv Mass, Market St. Mass on Sun 4th Feb at 11.15am.
May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.
3. **Liturgy for February: Readers** – Carol Lasrado & Michael Costello; **Collectors** – Michael Loughlin & Pdraig Watters; **Altar Society** – Rosemary Bartlett & Josephine McTernan.

CHURCH OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD, NEWTOWNMANOR:

1. **Mass: Thursday at 8.00pm (St. Brigid) (Adoration after Mass until 9.00pm);** Sunday at 10.00am.
2. **Pray for:**
Available for Intention. Mass on Sunday 28th January at 10.00am.
Mass for the Feast of St. Brigid. Thursday 1st February at 8.00pm (Adoration after Mass).
Available for Intention. Mass on Sunday 4th February at 10.00am.
May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.
3. **Liturgy for February: Reader** – Michael Comiskey; **Collectors** – Kevin McDermott & Jim Loughlin; **Altar Society** – Elizabeth Comiskey & Minnie Healy.

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, KILLARGUE:

1. **Mass: Tuesday at 8.00pm (Adoration from 7.00pm to 8.00pm);** Saturday (Vigil) Mass at 8pm.
2. **Pray for:**
Pat Kerins, Soxline. **1st Anniversary Mass** on Saturday 27th January at 8.00pm.
Hugh McMorro & **Deceased Family Members**, Gortnacarkogue. Mass on Tuesday 30th January at 8.00pm (**Adoration from 7.00pm to 8.00pm.**)
John James & Margaret Kelly, Lisgorman, and their son **John**. (Vigil) Mass on Sat 3rd Feb at 8pm.
May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.
3. **Liturgy for February: Reader** – Monica McNulty; **Collectors;** Joseph McGowan & Tommie Sheridan; **Altar Society** – Carmel Gallagher.

February Visitation of the Sick and Housebound: Fr Paul will visit the Sick and Housebound on **Friday next – 2nd February, at the usual times.** If you know someone who would like a visit and is not currently on the First Friday visitation list, please let him know. Telephone: 071-9164143.

'The Wonder of the Word' by Fr Vincent O'Hara: Teresa O'Boyle from Calry, will speak at the **Vigil Mass in Killargue Church, on Saturday next - 3rd February at 8.00pm,** about the recently published book- **'The Wonder of the Word'** by Fr Vincent O'Hara which will be on sale after Mass.

Your support for this worthy cause would be greatly appreciated.

Thought for the Day

There is a winter in all of our lives, a chill and darkness that makes us yearn for days that have gone or put our hope in the days yet to be.
We need a winter in our lives, like nature around us, a time of rest, a time to stand still, a time to reacquire ourselves with the faith in which we live.
It is only then that we can draw strength from the one in whom we are rooted take time to grow and rise through the darkness into the warm glow of your springtime. **Amen.** www.marquette.edu