

# DROMAHAIR – KILLARGUE - NEWTOWNMANOR

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**Sunday 17th September 2023 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Gospel Reflection on the Importance of FORGIVENESS

Jesus taught us that if we wanted God to forgive us, *then we must learn to forgive each other.* Forgiveness means different things to different people. But in general, it involves an intentional decision **to let go** of resentment and anger. *The Mayo Clinic* reminds us that letting go can make way for **improved health and peace of mind.** **Forgiveness can lead to** healthier relationships, improved mental health, lower blood pressure and improved self-esteem.

When we forgive someone, or when they forgive us, **we lose our feeling of anger and hurt;** we no longer want to pay them back, **we become friends again.** Jesus showed us how to forgive others and how he would forgive us. The gospel story tells us, that God is *always ready and willing* to forgive, even our most serious offences. When this is the behavior of our God, we do not have any excuse to deny anyone our forgiveness. This can be hard to do at times.

**What might help us** to come to a place of forgiveness? Try to see the situation from the other person's point of view. Reflect on why, they may have behaved that way. **Pray to God** to help you to forgive. You might like to write in a journal or use a guided meditation to help you. Talk with someone you trust and have found to be wise and compassionate. Be aware that forgiveness is a process, and even small hurts may need to be revisited and forgiven over and over again. It is not always easy to forgive someone, which is why, **we need to see them with the eyes of God.** We can ask the Holy Spirit to help us, to guide us and heal us as we pray for the gift of this forgiveness. Never forget the importance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Confessions, **where sins are forgiven, healing begins and peace returns.**

### Prayer for forgiveness

*Father, bless me with the wonderful power of forgiveness, give me the grace to unconditionally forgive those who have done me wrong. Give me the strength to let go of all ill-will, the strength to forgive myself of my own failing and sins, knowing that you have already forgiven me. Amen.*

### Apostolic Society Display

Display of work in Mary, Mother of God Church, Newtownmanor on today Sunday - 17<sup>th</sup> September, before and after the 10.00am Mass. There will be a basket there to help support the great work that is done

**Your support would be greatly appreciated.**

### Safeguarding Sunday 2023

**Our 7<sup>th</sup> annual Safeguarding Sunday will take place throughout the diocese on the weekend of the 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> of September 2023.** We hope to create a greater awareness of safeguarding in our parishes and diocese and to acknowledge the great contribution of people in ensuring that our diocesan safeguarding policies are implemented.

The annual safeguarding newsletter will be available to download from [www.kilmorediocese.ie/safeguarding-children](http://www.kilmorediocese.ie/safeguarding-children) section. Please download a copy and update yourself of developments in safeguarding in our diocese.

**Recently Deceased:** **Cal Sheehan**, Church Road, Dromahair & formerly of Togher, Cork, whose Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Brigid's Church, Corhownagh, Ballisodare, on Wednesday last – 13<sup>th</sup> September.

**May he Rest in Peace. Amen.**

## ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, DROMAHAIR:

1. **Mass: No Mass on Monday's;** Wednesday at 9.30am; **No Mass on Friday at 8.00pm;** Sun at 11.15am.
2. **Pray for: Charlie & Margaret McTernan,** Drumlease, & their sons, Cathal & Kevin. Mass on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 11.15am.  
**Special Intention.** Mass on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00pm.  
**No Mass on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 8.00pm.**  
**Ciara Pugsley,** Fenagh, Killargue. Anniversary Mass on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 11.15am.  
**May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.**
3. **Liturgy for September: Readers:** Aíne Leonard & Volunteer. **Collectors:** Michéal McGoldrick & Charlie Sharkey. **Altar Society:** Volunteers needed.

## CHURCH OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD, NEWTOWNMANOR:

1. **Mass:** Thursday at 8pm; Sunday at 10.00pm.
2. **Pray for:**  
**Margaret McIntyre,** Drumlease. Mass on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00am.  
**Ellen, Bernard, Sean & Josie McGauran.** Mass on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 8.00pm.  
**Mickey & Lena Loughlin,** Gortnaskeagh. Mass on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00am.  
**May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.**
3. **Liturgy for September: Reader:** Angela Loughlin. **Collectors:** Joseph McLoughlin & Frank Dolan.  
**Altar Society:** Michelle Comiskey & Catherine McDermott.

## ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, KILLARGUE:

1. **Mass: Tuesday at 8pm (Adoration from 7pm to 8pm);** Saturday (Vigil) Mass at 8pm.
2. **Pray for:**  
**John & Katie McHugh** and **Deceased Family Members,** Gortermone. **Seamus & Maureen Harkin,** Annagh. (Vigil) Mass on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00pm.  
**Patrick & Alice Fitzpatrick,** Boggaun. Mass on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00pm (**Adoration from 7.00pm to 8.00pm.**)  
**Katie Harte,** Cloonlougher. **Jack & Mary McGovern,** Blackgardens. (Vigil) Mass on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 8.00pm.  
**May they all be blessed with the gift of Eternal Life with God in Heaven. Amen.**
3. **Liturgy for September: Reader** – Marie Sheridan; **Collectors** – Carmel Feeney & Carmel Loughlin; **Altar Society** – Catherine Sweeney.

**Annagh Parish Pastoral Council (Belturbet, Drumalee & Redhills)** - will mark the Golden Jubilee of Fr. John Mc Tiernan's Ordination with a special **Mass of Thanksgiving at 7.00 p.m. on Friday next - 22<sup>nd</sup> September, in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Belturbet.** Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Seven Horseshoes. **Friends, Colleagues & Acquaintances are cordially invited.**

**Hospice Coffee Morning in 'The Depot' Dromahair:** Dromahair Hospice Group are hosting a Hospice Coffee morning in 'Depot' on **Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 10am to 12 noon.** Please come along and support this very worthy local cause.

**The Dromahair AED /Defibrillator Group** - would like to thank everyone who participated & contributed to our Annual 5k Fun walk / Run on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>. A sincere thank you to Joe Mc Goldrick Centra & Gavin Leonard XL for their continued Sponsorship. Thanks to Shane & Tracey, Martina Blue Devon for their generous donations. To the bakers & everybody who brought in for the refreshments for after the walk. To Alan Harvey Meats Dromahair, Harvey Norman Sligo & Sligo Park Hotel For their Spot Prizes. **The group would also like to thank everybody who contributed so generously to our recent Annual Church Gate collection. Your continued support is much appreciated. The funds raised will be used for the upkeep and maintenance of our 5 defibrillator units in the area.**

**Leitrim County Council will continue to operate the Community Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme for the season 2023/2024:** This scheme encourages a joint approach with communities (groups/local residents and landowners) for cutting of hedges/trees along the public roads network which need attention. The Grant is €75 per km of roadside hedge/overhanging trees which are cut back. The minimum length of roadside hedges is 1km per application. Further information and application forms are available from Leitrim County Councils website <http://www.leitrimcoco.ie> or by contacting the Roads Department on [roads@leitrimcoco.ie](mailto:roads@leitrimcoco.ie) or 071 9620005 / 630. **Closing Date is Wednesday 31st January 2024.**

