

## PARISH OF DROMORE

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### First Sunday of Lent

18<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Masses and ceremonies are broadcast live on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/stcolmans](http://www.facebook.com/stcolmans))

#### Sunday masses

All Saints, Ballela: 9.45 am

St Colman's, Dromore: 11.00 am

#### Weekday masses

**Tues** – 9.30am – St Colman's

**Thurs** – 7.00pm – All Saints NO Mass

**Fri** – 9.30am – St Colmans & Stations of the Cross

**Sat** – 10am – St Colmans & Exposition

#### Ballela Anniversaries

**Sun 18:** None

**Sun 25:** None

#### Dromore Anniversaries

**Sun 18:** Geraldine O'Loughlin

Joan Clarke (Months Mind)

**Sun 25:** None

Offertory promise Collection - £921.40

#### Recently Deceased

Tony McGivern, Ballynahinch, formally of Peggys Loaning Banbridge.

#### Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024

We are pleased to be able to return to Lourdes this year with our assisted pilgrims from the **17<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> May**. Places are also available to travel as a pilgrim cost will be £795. Applications for nurses to travel are also being considered. Please contact Joseph Doyle 07751374310 for further information.

#### The World Day of Prayer service

Will be held in St Colmans Church Dromore **on Fri 1<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm**. Both men and women are welcome to this cross-community service. Refreshment in St Colmans Hall afterwards.

#### Trócaire Boxes

are now available in the church porch. Trócaire is supporting the people of Malawi, who are suffering from extremes of flooding and drought meaning they are more vulnerable than ever before because of climate change. Supporting these families will create a fairer world for people in Malawi.

#### Ballela G.A.C. Registration Morning and Breakfast

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> February from 10.30am -12.30pm in Ballela School. All new and returning members to sign membership form on the day. See club Facebook page for information on membership fees.

#### Dromore Diocesan Historical Society

Next meeting Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024: @7:30pm in Newry Parish Centre. The Society is delighted to welcome Dr Geraldine Foley of the Inland Waterways Association of Ireland to present a talk entitled "From Newry to 'Demerari': James Blair, merchant, sugar planter and slave owner." Newry man James Blair was an owner of plantations in the West Indies. He entered Parliament in 1818 to protect the interests of slave-owners. Blair sat in the House of Commons from 1818 to 1830, and later from 1837 to 1841.

#### Dromore Youth Ministry

**Young Adults Lourdes Pilgrimage** - 6<sup>th</sup> to 11 August, still places left - £599 for 5 nights, accommodation, food, flights and enriching Lourdes experience.

**Stay Awake** – show solidarity with the homeless – group challenge to stay awake from 7 pm to 7 am – time spent indoors and outdoors - learn from those who work with the homeless.

**Knock Volunteering Programme for Youth** (15 to 18 year olds)

June 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> and July 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> – include climbing Croagh Patrick

August 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> – helping with Novena and family day.

If you are interested in any of the above or want more information phone 028 30833898 or email [youthdirector@dromorediocese.org](mailto:youthdirector@dromorediocese.org) including your mobile number.

#### Diocesan Safeguarding Briefing

A copy of the Safeguarding Briefing released by the Diocese can be found on the parish Facebook page.