

PARISH OF DROMORE

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Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary time

1st September 2024

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

Sunday masses

All Saints, Ballela: 9.45am

St Colman's, Dromore: 11.00am

Weekday masses

Tues – 9.30am – St Colman's

Thurs – 7.00pm – All Saints

Fri – 9.30am – St Colman's

Sat – 10am – St Colman's (Mass & Exposition)

Ballela Anniversaries

Sun 1: None

Sun 8: None

Dromore Anniversaries

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Sun 8: James, Margaret & Francie McDonald

Offertory promise Collection - £613.60

Weekend Retreat for Mission Supporters and Friends of SMA

Friday 27th (4.30pm) – Sunday 29th Sept (2.00pm)

The SMA community welcomes our Supporters and friends to this **Weekend Retreat and Reflection**, which will be an opportunity to take time aside in the tranquil and relaxed setting of Dromantine. All will join in celebrating Mass each day at the Novena in honour of St. Thérèse. The Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated during the weekend.

Sacrament of Penance, First Communion & Confirmation- Pupils in P4 & P7 Sept 2024

Parents of children attending schools other than the parish or neighbouring Catholic schools who wish to have their children prepared for these sacraments are requested to inform Fr Magennis as soon as possible to ensure they are included in the Grow in Love programme which starts in September.

Ballela G.A.C Lotto

10th Aug : 2 13 17 19 - No winners

17th Aug: 4 7 9 17 - No winners

24th Aug: 12 14 15 21 - No winners

Season of Creation

Today marks the beginning of the month-long Season of Creation, an opportunity to renew our commitment as stewards of God's creation. On this Sunday we join with our sisters and brothers to give common witness in the face of shared challenges.

To Hope and Act with Creation (Rom 8:19-25)

The biblical image depicts the Earth as a mother groaning as if giving birth (Rom 8:22). St. Francis of Assisi understood it this way when he referred to the Earth as our sister and our mother in his Canticle of the Creatures. The times we live in demonstrate that we do not relate to the Earth as a gift from our Creator, but as a resource to be used. "Creation groans" (Rom 8:22) because of our selfishness actions that harm it. Together with Mother Earth, creatures of all kinds, including humans, cry out because of our destructive actions that cause climate crises, biodiversity loss and human suffering. However, Creation teaches us that hope is present in waiting, in the expectation of a better future (cf. Rom 8:20-21). To hope does not mean to remain still and silent, but to groan, to cry out and actively strive for a new life in the midst of difficulties. Creation and all of us are called to worship the Creator, working together for a dynamic future based on hope and action. Only when we work together with Creation can the first fruits of hope spring forth. As in childbirth, we go through a period of intense pain, but new life emerges.