

THE WORD



THE LAST SUPPER

(MARK 14:12-16, 22-26)

Lithography of the Last Supper in Missale Romanum by unknown artist, late 19th century

The familiar scene of preparing for a meal reminds us of Christ's passion for friendship and communion with his followers.

A Passover meal in the Jewish tradition took place within the family home with blood relatives and displayed the covenant between God and those who gathered. However today we witness a different kind of gathering with Jesus and his new family of disciples. In taking the bread and raising the cup, he invites the disciples into a relationship with God that will involve trusting in his love and friendship. It's interesting to note that the Gospel scene that follows today's Gospel is the prediction of Peter's denial. So already during this Passover meal, Jesus knows that there is weakness and failure and betrayal in the hearts of those with the best of intentions. Jesus ate with sinners, he acknowledged the weaknesses of humanity, he offered words of encouragement and he loved indiscriminately.

Hosting a Passover meal so close to his death may have had some strategic significance, for after Jesus' death and resurrection his followers will be drawn back to the image of Jesus offering his body and blood in the form of bread and wine. The memory of Jesus' activity in breaking bread and offering it to the world will form the basis of their preaching and teaching. The memory of Jesus' unconditional love for all and the sacrifice he made for humanity offers courage to believers in times of difficulty and hope in times of despair. Today's Passover meal was not the end. It was just the beginning. ■

SAY

“Lord Jesus, Who in the Eucharist make your dwelling among us and become our travelling companion, sustain our Christian communities so that they may be ever more open to listening and accepting your Word. May they draw from the Eucharist a renewed commitment to spreading in society, by the proclamation of your Gospel, the signs and deeds of an attentive and active charity.” (John Paul II)



REFLECT

A visit to the Vatican can no longer be described as a peaceful experience, especially as one queues to enter St Peter's Basilica or venture through the maze of rooms that form the Vatican Museum. It can be both exhilarating and exhausting with plenty of jostling for photos of key sites like the Pieta and St Peter's grave. Such bustling activity has not gone unnoticed by Pope Francis who during one of his Wednesday instructions (November 8, 2017) stated that when he celebrates Mass in St Peter's Square or in the Basilica, he sees a lot of mobile phones raised up, not only by the lay faithful but by priests and bishops as well. He stated, “When a priest is celebrating Mass and says ‘lift up your hearts’ he does not say ‘lift up your cellphones’.” The phrase made plenty of headlines throughout the world, especially on social media. At the heart of the issue is a momentary lack of respect for what is happening before our eyes as the Eucharist is celebrated and bread is shared. As Pope Francis stated in the same instruction, Mass is not a show where we come to be entertained. Some people complain that Mass is too long or lacks animation or is a little boring. But we're missing the point. The Eucharist is where we encounter the Last Supper and the Resurrection of Jesus. Sometimes we can forget about its importance in our lives. ■

LEARN

“Our way of thinking is attuned to the Eucharist and the Eucharist in turn confirms our way of thinking.” (St Irenaeus)

DO

In keeping with Pope Francis' comments on respect and attentiveness during the Eucharist, let us try and pay more attention to what is happening at Mass. Allow a conversation between you and God to happen during the celebration. Acknowledge the presence of Jesus in the bread and wine

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Corpus Christi

Sunday Mass Times

St Colman's Dromore **All Saints Ballela**
Sunday 11.00am Sunday 9.45am

Weekday Mass Times: St Colman's

Mon, Wed, & Fri- 9.30am: Liturgy of the Word with Eucharist

Tues & Thurs :Mass – 9.30am

Sat – 10-11am: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Ballela Anniversaries

Sun 3: June McGrath

Sun 10: McCullough Family

Dromore Anniversaries

Sun 3: None

Sun 10: Mary Mallon

Esme Gilmore (Months Mind)

George Burns

Offertory Promise Collection £1291.21

Readers - Dromore

Sun 10: Brendan McCann

Cemetery Mass

Dromore : Mon 11th June, 7.30pm

Ballela : Wed 13th June, 7.30pm

At both Churches there will be a collection; proceeds will be used for cutting and maintenance at both cemeteries, please be as generous as you can. Please **bring a bottle of water** which Fr Des will bless during the Mass and each family can bless their own graves. Fr Des will personally bless the graves the next day.

Do This In Memory

Will take place on Sun 10th June in both Churches.

Fr. Conor McConville

A collection will be taken up for Fr. Conor to recognise his service to our Parish. Envelopes are available at the back of the church which can be returned with the collection over the next 2 weekends. Fr. Conor will return to celebrate Mass in Ballela and Dromore on Sunday 24th June and we would like all Parishioners to join us after Mass in Dromore for refreshments in St. Colmans hall.

Sunday 3rd June 2018

Parish Draw Winners Week 8

£100	Clifford Devlin	306
£50	Sheila Cull	361
£30	Pat Kelly	231
£20	Sheila O'Hare	572

Ballela GAC Lotto

17th May: 4 13 20 23 £10 winner: Leona Burns

Seller: Anglers Rest

24th May: 8 13 20 21 No winners

Seller: Sean Burns

31st May: 4 5 13 18 £10 winner Sean Burns

Seller: Gary McMullan. Next week's Jackpot £2060
Hurlers: Newry V Ballela away on Monday at 7.30pm.
Camogie: Ballela V Ballyholland at home on Monday at 7.30pm.

Tractor Run will take place on Sun 24th June. More details later.

DROMANTINE

FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY 10TH JUNE 2018

1.30 pm – 6.00 pm

ATTRACTION: Grand Draw, Country & Western Extravaganza, Vintage Tractors, Magician, Funfair, Bouncy Castles, Stalls, BBQ, Refreshments and much more! **Admission £5 Donation per car.**

Annaclone, Ballela & Dromore Lourdes

Committee

The Lourdes committee would like to thank everyone for their generosity during our recent Church door collection. Lourdes meeting on Monday 4th June at 8.30pm.

Church Collectors: All Saints: June

Martin McCann & Conor Cunningham.

Tea & Chat

Will take place on Sun 10th June after 11am Mass in Dromore.

Sick Visits

The sick of the parish will be visited during the week.