

## PARISH OF DROMORE

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### Easter Sunday of The Lord's Resurrection

#### Sunday Mass Times

St Colman's, Dromore                      All Saints, Ballela

Sunday 11.00am                              Sunday 9.45am

#### Weekday Mass Times : St Colman's

**Mon:** No Liturgy of the word

**Tues:** No Mass

**Wed & Thurs:** Liturgy of the word - 9.30am

**Fri:** Mass – 9.30am

#### Weekday Mass times: All Saints

Thursday – 7.00pm

#### Ballela Anniversaries

**Sun 21:** Barney Doyle

Desmond O'Rourke

**Thurs 25:** James Burns

**Sun 28:** None

#### Dromore Anniversaries

**Sun 21:** None

**Sun 28:** Philomena Walker (Monday Mass)

Gerard & Maura Eadie

Sarah, Gerald, Patsy & Kitty Mackin

Joy & Arthur Brooker

#### Offertory Promise Collection £981.83

#### Readers - Dromore

**Sun 28:** John O'Hare

#### Trócaire Boxes

Please return your Trócaire boxes as soon as possible.

#### Dromantine Retreats

Dromantine is offering two short retreats, "Awareness and Mindful Living", this retreat will provide ways of releasing stress, letting go of self – judgement and unhelpful comparisons, and enabling us to live fully in the present. Conducted by Martina Lehane Sheehan and Patrick Sheehan on Fri 10<sup>th</sup> May from 10am – Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 2pm cost; £190.

"Forgiveness" the journey from hurt to healing, freedom and peace. This day will provide an opportunity to reflect on ways of dealing with life's hurts and disappointments, so that we can let go, move forward and find peace and happiness, conducted by Fr Des Corrigan, SMA on Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> June from 9.30am – 5pm cost £25 includes lunch and tea/coffee. If interested call 02830821964 or email: [admin@dromantineconference.com](mailto:admin@dromantineconference.com)

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2019

#### Parish Draw Winners Week 4

£100 Brigid McEvoy 418

£50 Bernadette Mallon 477

£30 Bernadette Rainey 233

£20 John Moreland 434

#### Ballela G.A.C Lotto

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> April : 7 12 14 23

No £10 winners Seller : Mick Doyle

Jackpot £2000

#### Ballela Community Group

#### Pilates Classes

Next block of Pilate's classes will start on Tues 30<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in Ballela School. Cost is £54 for 6 Weeks Contact Sara on 07928674733 or any committee member if you are interested.

#### Do This In Memory (Week 8)

Will take place in both churches on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April

#### Tea and Chat

Will take place in St Colman's hall on Sun 28<sup>th</sup> April after mass. Everyone welcome.

#### Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service

#### seeking marriage preparation facilitators

If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage, Contact Aisling on 015053112 or by email to [info@accord.ie](mailto:info@accord.ie)

#### Archbishop Eamon Martin

We welcome Archbishop Eamon as our new Apostolic Administrator for the Diocese. We will have the opportunity to meet Archbishop Eamon as he will be conducting Confirmation in our parish shortly. We pray for him as he takes up the care of our diocesan community.

#### Confirmation

Will take place on Wed 1<sup>st</sup> May at 6pm in St Colman's, Dromore.

#### First Holy communion

Will take place on Sat 11<sup>th</sup> May at 11am.

# Happy Easter

Do you need financial or practical assistance or even a friendly chat? The St Vincent De Paul Society is here to help. You can contact us through our Helpline Number: 07738838187



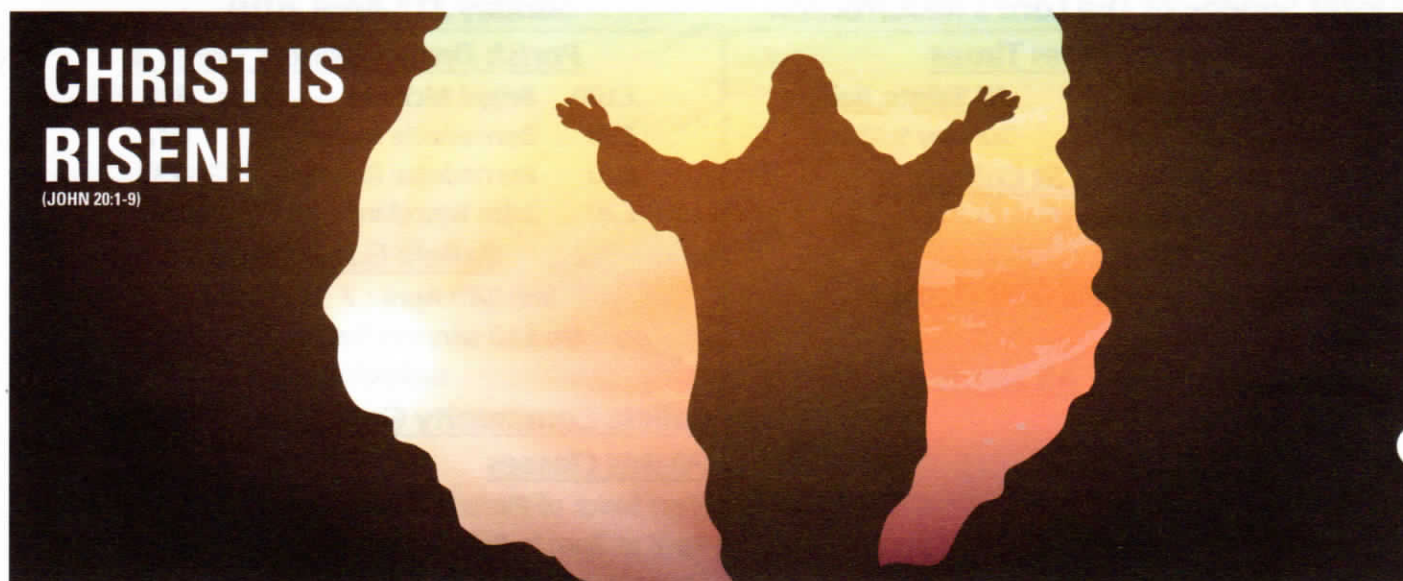
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# Sunday Message

EASTER SUNDAY

THE WORD

Year C • Season Colour: White • Psalter Week 1



## CHRIST IS RISEN!

(JOHN 20:1-9)

The Gospel passages for both the Vigil Mass and the Day Mass consider the discovery by at least one of the women followers of Jesus that his body, which they had witnessed being placed in the tomb, was no longer there. No-one saw Jesus rise from the dead: despite many artistic presentations to the contrary, our Christian faith centres on an event at which no-one was present.

The fact that the tomb is empty is no proof of the resurrection. The empty tomb may well be a consequence of the resurrection, but it can only say *He is not here*. Mary Magdalene voices the common assumption that someone has removed the body, an explanation which she will put to the risen Jesus himself later in the story.

In Luke's account, the women have an experience similar to that of Peter, James and John at the transfiguration of Jesus. Two male figures in brilliantly shining clothes suddenly appear beside them. These persons are presumably angels, and they can supply the real reason for the absence of Jesus' body: they describe him as being alive, but not in the sense of not being dead when his body was placed in the tomb, rather being truly alive with God. This explanation can only come from God: it originates from the divine source, it is not something which human beings can deduce for themselves. Peter runs to the tomb but does not come to faith. The only person who does believe without an appearance experience is the disciple whom Jesus loved. None of the first witnesses to the resurrection believe simply on the word of another person: to be an authentic witness they have to receive the word from God, either by way of an angelic encounter, or by experiencing the risen Jesus for themselves. ■

### SAY

The Lord is risen indeed!  
Alleluia!

### DO

Make the sign of the cross with holy water. Thank the Lord for all those people who helped you in any way to believe in the resurrection of Jesus.



### LEARN

John the evangelist deliberately contrasts the raising of Lazarus to the circumstances surrounding the resurrection of Jesus.

The fact that the male disciples do not believe the women's news is not simply male prejudice: To be true ministers of the word, they need to experience the risen Jesus for themselves.

There are no witnesses of the resurrection, only witnesses to the resurrection.

### REFLECT

In the Prologue to the Gospel, Luke tells his patron, Theophilus, that he has researched the traditions which go back to those who were *eyewitnesses and became ministers of the word*. Not even the women come to believe in the resurrection simply because Jesus' body is missing: they too need the word of revelation. Thus the basis of the Christian proclamation is a direct experience of the risen Lord. Later generations will have to form their own decision as to whether or not to accept

Jesus and his message on the testimony of those who have received the witness of others.

The empty tomb as a symbol provides one aspect of the meaning of the resurrection. Once we accept the message of revelation that *he is risen*, it tells us that the person who was crucified and buried is the same person as has risen: but not to the life he surrendered on the cross. That is the message of the appearance stories. ■