

PARISH OF DROMORE

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Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday Mass Times

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

Weekday Mass Times : St Colman's

Mon, Wed & Thurs: Liturgy of the word - 9.30am

Tues & Fri: Mass - 9.30am

Weekday Mass times: All Saints

Thursday - 7.00pm

Ballela Anniversaries

Sun 5: James, Rose & John Savage, Loughinisland

Thurs 9: Jimmy Cosgrave

Sun 12: Claire Priestly

Dromore Anniversaries

Sun 5: Larry McGrath

Tues 7: Kathleen McCrory

Sun 12: Johnny Prentice

Offertory Promise Collection £887.12

Readers - Dromore

Sun 12: Niall Rice

Recently Baptised

Georgie Lee Cunningham

Recently Deceased

Sean Darby, Holm Terrace

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 10th May from 10am - Sun 12th 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 22nd June from 9.30am - 5pm cost £25 includes lunch and tea/coffee. If interested call 02830821964 or email: admin@dromantineconference.com

Sunday 5th May 2019

Parish Draw Winners Week 6

£100	Terry McConville	177
£50	Eileen Byrne	101
£30	Veronica Moreland	435
£20	Liz Walker	129

Ballela G.A.C Lotto

Sun 28th April : 11 12 14 23

£10 winner Carmel Burns. Seller : Anglers Rest
Jackpot £2000

Ballela Community Group

Next committee meeting is on Mon 13th May at 7.30pm

Annaclone, Ballela & Dromore Lourdes Committee

Are holding their annual Church door collection on **Sun 12th May** in both churches. Lourdes mass will take place on **Thurs 16th May** at 7pm in All Saint's Church, followed by tea in the school.

DROMORE DIOCESAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Monday 13th May at 7:00 pm in St Patrick's Parish Centre, Church St, Ballynahinch, BT24 8AF. A lecture by Horace Reid on "Old Magheradroll Church and Cemetery". The event will commence at the Parish Centre and, weather permitting will proceed to the old cemetery before a visit to the Church of Ireland Church and return to the Parish Centre for refreshments. Everyone welcome.

First Holy communion

Will take place on **Sat 11th May** at 11am in St Colman's Dromore.

Dromantine Family Fun Day

Will take place on Sun 9th June with live country music & a host of guest country singers, funfair, Gun dog display, Vintage Tractors, Craft fair stalls and much more. Admission is £5 per car.

Whist

Whist will take place on Sun 19th May in St Colman's hall at 8.30pm. Ladies to supply pastry: Frances Kattorah & Sally Doherty.

Trócaire Boxes

Please return your Trócaire boxes as soon as possible.

THE TURNING POINT

(JOHN 21:1-19)



The full Gospel passage for today falls into two main sections: the appearance of Jesus to seven disciples in Galilee with the miraculous catch of fish and the meal, then the reconciliation with Peter after his denials.

This material has been added by the final editor of the Gospel, and we may find it puzzling that the attitude of Peter and the other disciples suggests that they are unaware that Jesus is risen and have returned to their old haunts and occupation. It is the overwhelming size of the catch at the word of Jesus, after a night of fruitless toil, which leads the Beloved Disciple to realise that *It is the Lord*. The impulsive Peter leaps out of the boat to reach Jesus, just as he had raced to the tomb on hearing that it was empty. The fourth evangelist gives Peter a certain priority as the leader of the disciples, but it is the disciple whom Jesus loved who is the more perceptive because of his intimate relationship with the Lord. The catch of fish may well symbolise the bringing of people to Jesus, just as he would draw all women and men to himself on the cross. The net which is not torn is often regarded as a symbol of the church, which can contain all sorts of individuals without being torn apart: this recalls Jesus' robe not being divided at Calvary.

The mention of Jesus taking and giving bread to the disciples suggests his ongoing presence in the Eucharist: that he continues to be *the bread of life* for them and for ourselves. This is one of the ways in which he sustains his disciples until he comes again. ■

REFLECT

In some churches, on June 29, the Feast of Peter and Paul, the statue of Saint Peter is decorated with a red cope and a papal tiara. However, we might reflect that the scene in today's Gospel shows Simon Peter at his rock-bottom. He has failed the crucial test and his life is in ruins. His decision to go fishing has all the hallmarks of someone who is trying to fill in their time, to do anything to take their mind off their plight for which they are mainly responsible. But this situation of hopelessness and shame after his denying three times that he even knew

Jesus is the very turning-point for Peter. Whatever his past regrets and self-reproaches, the exclamation of his companion that *It is the Lord* causes him to jump out of the boat in his haste to reach his friend and master.

This encounter with the risen Lord puts everything into perspective and allows Peter to move on with his life and mission. It is only when he stands before Jesus, not in any robes of office but only in his fishing-smock and faces up to who he really is that he becomes a worthy leader of the disciples. In this, he is a lesson for us all. ■

SAY

Lord, teach me your ways.

LEARN

Today's Gospel passage is known as *The Johannine Appendix*: it is a very early addition to the original narrative.

The *charcoal fire* recalls the scene in which Peter denies that he knows Jesus.

Peter's three-fold profession of love for Jesus cancels out his earlier three-fold denial.

DO

Notice how many people there are in your area whose lives have fallen apart like Peter's. See how you might help by contributing to a food bank or other centre: better still, ask if you can do something, because what many people really need is someone to listen to them.

