

## PARISH OF DROMORE

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### Sixth 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

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

#### Weekday Mass times: All Saints

Thursday - 7.00pm

#### Ballela Anniversaries

Sun 26: Kathleen Burns (Month's Mind)

Sun 2: None

#### Dromore Anniversaries

Sun 26: Jim & Sally Cunningham; Cecilia Mallon  
Tom Mackin; James McGreevy

Sun 2: None

#### Offertory Promise Collection £952.85

#### Readers - Dromore

Sun 2: Colin Skillen

#### Blessing of the Graves

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 2pm - Dromore

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm - Ballela

At both Churches there will be a collection, proceeds will be for cutting and maintenance at both cemeteries, please be as generous as you can.

#### Southern Health Trust

The Southern Trust Access & Information Service (Phone [028 37564300](tel:02837564300)) takes referrals for over-65s residing in the Trust area for Social Work, Occupational Therapy and Continence Service. We offer advice and information on a range of local services available to anyone aged 65yrs+ living in the Trust, struggling to complete daily living tasks independently and/or feeling isolated or lonely, and would like connected to local support services. Anyone can refer through Access & Information Service - if we cannot take the referral we will signpost or redirect as appropriate.

#### Sick Visits

The sick will be visited as follows: Thurs - Dromore  
Fri - Ballela.

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2019

#### Parish Draw Winners Week

£100	Joe & Ethna Mulgrew	044
£50	Deirdre Downey	021
£30	Dominic McCusker	380
£20	Shauna Mulgrew	128

#### Ballela G.A.C Lotto

Sun 12<sup>th</sup> May : 1 4 17 20

No £10 winners. Seller : Mick Doyle

Jackpot £2000

#### Ballela Community Group

#### Internet Safety awareness

We are having a Free "internet Safety Awareness" night for Parents/Adults on **Wed 29<sup>th</sup> May** in Ballela School from 7-8pm, this is a cross community event. Everyone welcome.

#### Dromantine Family Fun Day

Will take place on Sun 9<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm 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.

#### Family Bingo Night

St Colman's P.S. Dromore are having a Family Bingo night on **Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm** in St Colman's Hall, Dromore in aid of school funds. Everyone welcome.

#### Youth Volunteering at Knock Shrine

16 to 18 years old - Fri 28<sup>th</sup> to Sun 30<sup>th</sup> June or Fri 16<sup>th</sup> to Sun 18<sup>th</sup> August. Cost £60 each - covers transport, accommodation and food and a T/shirt. For information contact Frances at Diocesan Youth Office 02830833898 or email - [dromored@btconnect.com](mailto:dromored@btconnect.com) for a registration form.

#### St Colman's Hall Dromore

The parish hall is used on a regular basis and the parish needs someone to take responsibility for keeping the hall clean and ensuring that there are adequate supplies of towels, toiletries etc in the hall at all time. If you would be willing to volunteer please contact the Parish office on Mon, Wed & Fri between 10am and 1.30pm. The parish would like to acknowledge and thank Brian Pollock for taking care of the hall over the past few months.

## THE WORD

Year C • Season Colour: White • Psalter Week 2



## THE GIFT OF THE PARACLETE

(JOHN 14:23-29)

As we approach the end of the Easter season, the Gospel today looks toward the departure of Jesus and the sending of the Paraclete.

It seems that the disciples still do not fully understand the message of Jesus, as they are apparently reluctant to let go of Jesus. He promises two gifts: one is the Paraclete, the other is Jesus' peace. The purpose of the Paraclete will be to teach the disciples, unfolding the meaning of what Jesus has taught them. The Paraclete will take Jesus' place and keep alive the memory of Jesus among and within the disciples, those who knew Jesus personally and those who will come later.

The peace which Jesus mentions is his peace, not peace in the normal sense of the word. Persecution from outside and divisions within the community were a feature of the community from which the Fourth Gospel emerged. This peace comes from Jesus' union with the Father and is connected with the gift of the Paraclete, or Spirit, who will continue Jesus' presence among the disciples. Jesus' leaving and the coming of the Spirit signal the beginning of a new era, and this should be a cause of joy, not sadness for the disciples. The return of Jesus to the Father will enable the coming of the Spirit to the disciples, and it is in this peace that the community will continue Jesus' work of revealing the Father, despite opposition like that which Jesus experienced. ■

### REFLECT

In the Bible, the Spirit of the Lord is often, if not usually, associated with *power*. The Spirit is bestowed on a particular person so that they can carry out their commission from the Lord. However, the purpose of the Spirit, or Paraclete, as presented in our Gospel reading today, is more that of helping the disciples to understand more fully the teachings of Jesus.

In the document on Divine Revelation issued by the Second Vatican Council, the Holy Spirit is mentioned most frequently in the chapter on Sacred Tradition. The Holy Spirit is the active agent in the transmitting of the faith from one generation to another. Tradition is presented as something unfolding, developing; it is not the static repetition of what has been said before in the manner and language in which it was previously taught. Nothing new is added, but our appreciation of its meaning develops and must be expressed in ways which contemporary people can understand. The meaning of words changes over time and if we have to explain that a word we are using signifies something different to that which the other person would naturally assume, then we are literally speaking another language and failing to communicate. Perhaps we need to believe more firmly that the Spirit is guiding the expressing of what we as a church believe and not be afraid of new ways of formulating our faith in language which makes sense to ourselves and our contemporaries. The truth is sacred: no one system of explaining the faith is absolutely the last word. ■

### SAY

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.

### LEARN

The teaching of the church on divine revelation is presented in the document of Vatican II entitled *Dei Verbum*.

The word *Paraclete* refers to the Holy Spirit as Jesus' personal presence in the disciples while Jesus is with the Father.

In the Fourth Gospel, the verb *to be troubled* occurs in the context of death.

Our understanding of the Word of God in the Scriptures develops: this is the function of the tradition of the church.

### DO

Switch on the light. Think about how important electricity is to the running of your home. Reflect that this is how important the Holy Spirit is to the life of the church.

