

PARISH OF DROMORE

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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: Mass 7.00pm

Ballela Anniversaries

Sun 28: Theresa McGivern, Andy McGivern
Sid King

Sun 4: Sam & Maisie Burns

Dromore Anniversaries

Sun 28: Mary Murphy

Sun 4: None

Offertory Promise Collection £975.36

Recently Baptised

Alana Sarah Doran

Collectors - Ballela - August

Sean Burns & Aidan Rooney

St Vincent de Paul Annual Outing

Annual Senior Citizens outing to Carlingford will take place on **Sunday 11th August 2019**. Transport will leave from the Parochial Hall, Dromore at 1.15pm returning at about 8.00pm. Application Forms are available in the Porch of St Colman's church and in the Parochial Hall.

St Vincent de Paul, Back to school - causing financial difficulties.

Maybe St Vincent de Paul can help contact us on our Hotline 07738838187 or put your name and phone number in St Vincent de Paul Red collection box.

Sick Visits

The sick of the parish will be visited as follows:

Tues morning 30th July - Ballela

Fri morning 2nd Aug - Dromore

Sunday 28th July 2019

Parish Draw Winners Week 18

£100	A Haughian	255
£50	Jim McCrory	360
£30	Nancy Gilpin	076
£20	Meabh & Eimear Kane	484

Ballela G.A.C Lotto

Sun 14th July: 5 6 20 23

No winners

Seller: Sean Burns

Jackpot £2000

Messy Children's Liturgy

Messy Children's Liturgy will be running together with SeaPatrick Parish this summer on the following dates:

July 30th (All Saints' School, Ballela)

August 13th (All Saints' School, Ballela)

August 20th (Parish Centre, St Therese's, Banbridge)

Messy Children's Liturgy is open to all ages including children, parents and grandparents. Join us to explore characters from the Old Testament through different crafts, activities and fun. Each session will begin at 10am and finish around 11.30am with tea, coffee and chat. For more information see Jill or Michael
Tel: 02840671401.

Volunteering at Knock Shrine 15 to 18 years old

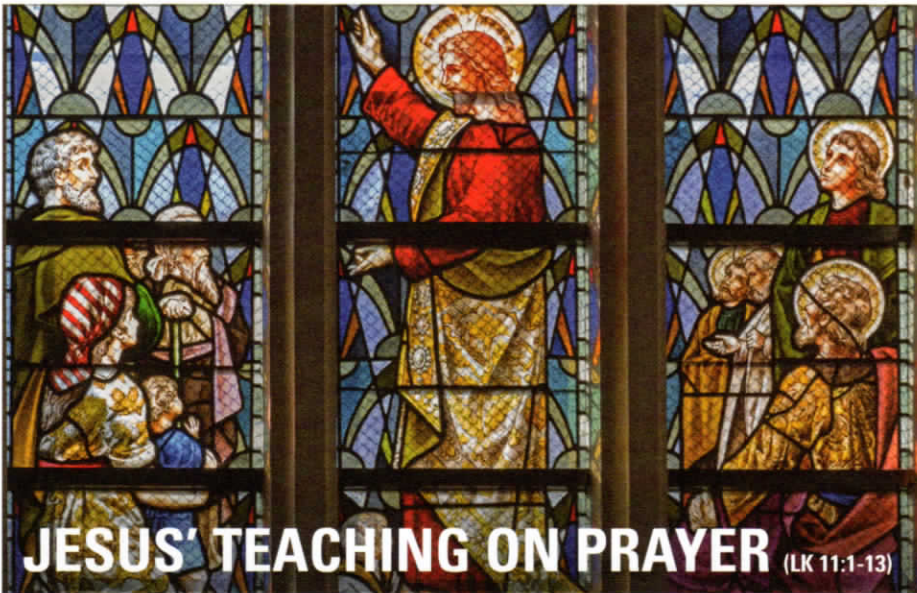
A great opportunity to meet new people help others learn about Knock and have fun. **Friday 16th to Sunday 18th August**. To Sign up or find out more information please contact Youth Ministry Office, 39-41 The Mall, Newry, BT34 1AN. Tel: 028 3083 3898 or email: dromoreyld@btconnect.com

Lough Derg 2019

The Three Day Pilgrimage is currently open. You may begin on any day until Tuesday 13th August. Advance booking is not necessary. The Lough Derg team can help you co-ordinate public transport or link up with Pilgrimage Organisers in your locality. Phone Lorraine on 00353719861518 or email: info@loughderg.org

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



JESUS' TEACHING ON PRAYER (LK 11:1-13)

Depiction of Jesus teaching, in St Anthony's Church, Leuven (19th century)

Jesus is the best example of how we should pray and in today's Gospel, he becomes a teacher of prayer. The disciples request his help and Jesus responds by giving them words they can use when they want to communicate with God.

You will notice that in Luke's Gospel, a much shorter form of the Our Father is used because the church uses the version in Matthew's Gospel as it is longer. However the differences between the two versions of the prayer are few. Jesus gives the disciples a form of prayer that acknowledges God as Father, his will be done on earth as it is in heaven and the final request to deliver us from evil.

The Lord's Prayer is then followed by a parable of a man requesting bread from his neighbour. It's late at night and the family in the house are already in bed. It's clear that the man of the house isn't keen to answer the door at such a late hour. And yet the visitor to the house persists and continues to knock. His persistence eventually pays off because he receives the food, but we can imagine the already sleeping family startled and awakened by the drama at the door. The learning the disciples can take from this short parable is that asking and searching and persisting is necessary in prayer. Bang on the door until God hears you! ■

SAY

"Whenever you stand praying, forgive if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses."
(Mark's Gospel)

DO

If you're a little out of practice in your prayer life, how about taking as little as 10 minutes a day to begin a conversation with God. If you are short on words, read from today's Gospel from Luke.

LEARN

"For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy."

(St Therese of Lisieux)



REFLECT

What is prayer and why isn't it working? Two common questions that I've been asked over the course of my ministry. I can never claim to be an expert on prayer but there are certain rules of thumb from today's Gospel that might help those of us who struggle to pray.

Prayer is at the heart of the Christian life and expresses a desire within us to communicate with God. But there is little doubt that in order to pray, we need to pray with faith. Before Jesus heals someone in the Gospels, he often asks, "Do you believe I can do this for you?"

And if the person expresses strong faith, the miracle happens or the prayer is answered. Having faith is like opening a window to God. Saying 'Our Father' is a sign of our deep faith in him. We have heard the call from Jesus that we should pray like children – asking in the belief that we will receive. It seems rather simple or trivial but opening our full heart to God in prayer is the first lesson of Jesus to the disciples today.

The Lord's Prayer then moves into the importance of forgiveness in prayer. How difficult it can be to open ourselves to God when we're holding a grudge

against a family member, neighbour or work colleague. The desire may exist to communicate with God but the channel of communication is blocked due to our grievance against someone. Our prayers won't be effective until we forgive like God the Father forgives.

And finally, today's parable tells us to persist in our prayer. In some Gospel translations, the word 'audacity' is used. To have the audacity/persistence to pray again, to pray more, to knock and to ask. I think this is perhaps my most common experience of prayer. ■