

# PARISH OF DROMORE

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## Eighteenth 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 4: Sam & Maisie Burns

Sun 11: Bernard, Mary, Barney & Frank McAnarney  
Patrick, Daniel & Agnes McEvoy, Kilkinamurry  
Bernard McEvoy, Coventry

### Dromore Anniversaries

Sun 4: Geraldine Mulholland

Sun 11: Gerard & Maura Eadie

### Offertory Promise Collection £794.80

### Readers – Dromore

Sun 11: Katie Rice

### St Vincent de Paul Annual Outing

Annual Senior Citizens outing to Carlingford will take place on **Sunday 11th August 2019**.

Applications close on **Sun 4th Aug at 12noon**.

Transport will leave from the Parochial Hall, Dromore at 1.15pm returning at about 8.00pm.

### 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.

### Youth 2000 Summer Festival

This event will be held from 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Aug, at Clongowes Wood College, Co Kildare for young people aged 16-35. The youth 2000 festival brings young people across the country together to grow in faith, to form new friendships and celebrate with music and prayer, Donation only/ Free buses, for more details visit [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie).

## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Aug 2019

### Parish Draw Winners Week 19

£100	Micheal McAleenan	146
£50	Eugene Magee	201
£30	Terry O'Neill	162
£20	Gregory Clarke	163

### Ballela G.A.C Lotto

Sun 28th July : 1 12 15 22

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:  
August 13<sup>th</sup> (All Saints' School, Ballela)

August 20<sup>th</sup> (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:- [dromoreyd@btconnect.com](mailto:dromoreyd@btconnect.com)

### Lough Derg 2019

The Three Day Pilgrimage is currently open. You may begin on any day until Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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





**THE  
PARABLE  
OF THE  
RICH FOOL**  
(LK 12: 13-21)

This is the year of Luke's Gospel and you may have noticed over the past number of weeks the amount of times Jesus is questioned by an inquisitive crowd of followers. He takes on the role of rabbi or teacher today and is asked about the apportioning of inheritance between two brothers.

The law of the time dictated that the eldest son must receive twice as much as each of the other children upon the death of their father. However, there seems to be a dispute today in which Jesus is asked to comment. Cleverly he side steps the issue and focuses on the heart of the problem, which is our attachment to money, possessions and wealth. Note a parallel theme in today's first reading from Ecclesiastes where the opening line is, "Vanity of vanity, all is vanity." In some Bible translations this sentence reads, "All is meaningless." The book of Ecclesiastes is renowned for its negative downbeat tone and has quite a pessimistic view on life. The writer is a man who has seen it all and today's question is quite profound in many ways. What's the point in toiling all your life to amass possessions and wealth when you're just going to leave it all behind anyway? So Jesus uses the parable of the rich landowner who builds bigger barns to store his vast quantities of grain. When all the produce is gathered, the landowner plans a little retirement where he will eat, drink and take life easy. God speaks to the landowner and calls him a fool. On this very night the man will die and who will own his property then? Through this parable, Jesus mocks the man who relies on possessions to make him happy. ■

**SAY**

**"He is generous even to exhaustion; and what is most wonderful is, that He gives Himself thus entirely, not once only, but every day, if we wish it. Every fresh Communion is a new gift which Jesus Christ makes of Himself."**

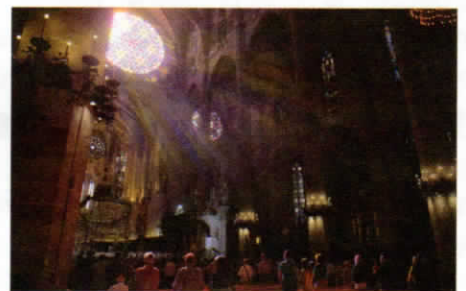
(St. Ignatius Loyola)

**LEARN**

"It is the joyful simplicity of life inspired by the Gospel and the Gospel's spirit of fraternal sharing that you will find the best remedy for .... the temptation to make money the principle means and indeed the very measure of human advancement."  
(Pope John Paul II)

**DO**

The next time you attend Mass, concentrate more fully on the Word of God (first reading, psalm, second reading and Gospel). Allow the words to affect you and take one message home with you, something that will help you in your relationship with God.



**REFLECT**

Recently, a couple from the North of Ireland won a substantial amount of money in the EuroMillions lottery and before TV cameras and reporters from around the world, they explained how their lives would certainly change dramatically but ultimately, their needs were few. For some moments, I put myself into their shoes and wondered what it would be like to have over £100

million in my bank account. Perhaps we all do the same from time to time. We like to dream big about the possible car or house or holidays we would have if we won the lotto. Some would say that it's even natural to think in this way because most of our lives are driven by our need to earn money, to buy food and the things that make us and our families comfortable. Keeping this in mind, you might disagree with the strategy of Jesus in calling today's landowner a fool.

These are strong words and for anyone who is wealthy or lives a comfortable life, the Gospel of today is not criticising you for what you have. What Jesus is calling into question is a consumerist mentality where the only focus for people is money and possessions. Jesus points to the people who think there is security in possessions. For Jesus, true wealth, security and happiness is to be found in our relationship with God. ■