

PARISH OF DROMORE

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Nineteenth 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 : Liturgy of the word - 9.30am

Thurs Mass 10am

Tues & Fri: Mass 9.30am

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

Weekday Mass times: All Saints

Wed: 7pm - No Mass Thurs.

Assumption Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Ballela: **Wed 14th** 7pm (Vigil)

Dromore: **Thurs 15th** 10am.

Ballela Anniversaries

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

Sun 18: None

Dromore Anniversaries

Sun 11: Gerard & Maura Eadie

Sun 18: Bridget & Patrick Johnson

Offertory Promise Collection £1505.42

Readers – Dromore

Sun 18: Michaela Zigashane

Recently Deceased

Hugh Patrick (Hughie) Lavery, Castlevennon Rd,
Katesbridge.

St Vincent de Paul Annual Outing to

Carlingford will take place today **Sunday 11th**

August 2019. Transport will leave from the Parochial
Hall, Dromore at 1.15pm returning at about 8.00pm.
Enjoy your Afternoon!

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 15th – 18th Aug, at
Clongowes Wood College, Co Kildare for young
people aged 16-35. Donation only/ Free buses, for
more details visit www.youth2000.ie.

Sunday 11th Aug 2019

Parish Draw Winners Week 20

£500	Margaret Mulholland	234
£500	Morgan Thompson	133

Ballela G.A.C Lotto

Sun 4th Aug : 5 12 14 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:

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:- dromoreyd@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

Pope's Collection (Peter's Pence) Sun 18th

These offerings to the Holy Father are devoted to the
needs of the Church in impoverished dioceses
worldwide, to humanitarian initiatives and to social
promotion projects, as well as to the support of the
Holy See. The Pope, as pastor of the universal Church,
is attentive to the needs of poor dioceses, religious
institutes and those in difficulty.

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

WHERE IS YOUR TREASURE?

(LK 12:32-48)

Today's Gospel is quite detailed and contains a number of instructions from Jesus on wealth, possessions and power.

The parable of the Rich Fool was last week's reflection and Jesus spoke in the harshest of terms about people who store wealth and make it their heart's desire. Likewise today, Jesus asks the disciples where their treasure really is? Do they see themselves as heirs to the Kingdom of God or are they only interested in the external trappings of office? The genuine servant will always be watchful and attentive to the Master's imminent arrival and when the Master arrives, he will put on an apron and serve the servant. We as readers can see how Jesus is bringing them into contemplation on the relationship between God and his followers.

We move then into a parable about two servants. One servant takes advantage of his Master's delay in arriving and he becomes like a dictator, ordering his fellow servants around, bullying them perhaps. But Jesus states unequivocally that he will be exposed when the Master returns unexpectedly. What about the other servant? Well he is the perfect example of attentiveness and respect. He's not only faithful to the task given to him, but he cares for the household with diligence and treats his fellow servants well. Some scripture scholars think that although this was an instruction or catechesis directed to the disciples, it was really meant for the leaders of the church. Leaders are not placed in authority to feather their own nest and act like dictators. They must be at the service of the people of God. The final parable offers an image of another kind of servant. This person has been given a certain amount of authority and power but he's lazy and never actually gets around to doing what is required of him. "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded." ■

REFLECT

Fear is the most basic problem in the Bible and the disciples in many ways had good reason to be fearful, especially of the Jewish authorities, who looked upon their work as a threat to the order of things in society. Quite often from Jesus, we hear "Do not be afraid" as a message of consolation to his followers and to us, the listeners. We're as much part of these Gospel stories as the disciples are. The Gospel opens with a phrase that is the essence of the spiritual life. "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the Kingdom." There are two key elements of reflection here. Firstly, God, the source of all things, our creator, is telling us not to be afraid. There is little doubt that as the people of God who sit before the Gospels Sunday after Sunday, we carry personal fears and anxieties within us. We may or may not express these in our conversations with God, but the fears are there. Why is God telling us not to be afraid of these things? Because secondly, God wants to give us life. God wants us to know that his love comes first and everything else flows from that. This is what the church calls 'God's grace'. We don't really have to do anything to receive this love. There is no charge or payment or duty to be performed. The love of God is freely given. The fear we might be feeling is placed into the hands of God and in return we receive love, understanding and peace of mind. Jesus is persistent in his message to the disciples on God's grace. ■

SAY

O Lord, you have given me all that I am and all I possess. I place them all into your hands and help me to use them for your greater glory.

LEARN

We have been promised a share in the kingdom of God.

It is a treasure that nothing can destroy.

We are entrusted with earthly wealth to use for the greater glory of God.

DO

During this week, think about how you use the wealth and the talents God has given you. Is he calling you to use them better?

