

## PARISH OF DROMORE

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### Twentieth 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 & Thur : Liturgy of the word - 9.30am

Tues & Fri: Mass 9.30am

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

#### Weekday Mass times: All Saints

Thurs: 7pm

#### Ballela Anniversaries

Sun 18: None

Sun 25: None

#### Dromore Anniversaries

Sun 18: Bridget & Patrick Johnson

Sun 25: Sean Magee

Ann Topley

James McGuigan

Offering - Promise Collection £789.13

#### Readers – Dromore

Sun 25: Caroline Rooney

#### 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.

#### The Joy of Love in Marriage

A Marriage Enrichment Weekend offers married couples of all ages in a good relationship, private time to rekindle the joy of their love. The next (residential) Weekends (Fri 8pm to Sun 4:30pm) will be held at the Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry from 13 – 15 Sep 2019. For info. And to book, visit [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie) or phone 087 784 0408 [ROI] or 0770 281 2321 [NI].

#### Pope's Collection (Peter's Pence) Sun 18<sup>th</sup>

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.

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Aug 2019

#### Parish Draw Winners Week 21

£100	Paul McDonald	249
£50	Marie Mackin	336
£30	Brian Mulholland	098
£20	Anne McEvoy	421

#### Ballela G.A.C Lotto

Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Aug : 3 6 13 21

£10 winners: Damien McEvoy & Tish McGivern

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 date: **August 20<sup>th</sup> (Parish Centre, St Therese's, Banbridge)** 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.

#### Grandparents Pilgrimage, Knock Shrine 2019

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> of September** at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock. This annual pilgrimage is a special day for grandparents and families, and a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the great contribution that grandparents make to Church, to family, and to society in teaching and passing on the faith. This is the only purpose of The Catholic Grandparents Association, to help and support Grandparents in their great task. Grandparents were never as important as they are today at this critical time to the church, the family and society. The pilgrimage begins with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm. The Pilgrimage Mass follows at 3.00pm with Chief Celebrant Bishop Kevin Doran.

#### RAISE YOUR CUPS TO 30 YEARS OF HOSPICE CARE

Southern Area Hospice Services is celebrating 30 years of local Hospice care this year and are encouraging local people to host a coffee morning to raise vital funds to help maintain their services. This year's official coffee morning is on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept. To register as a host and receive your fundraising pack, email [bymneb@southernareahospiceservices.org](mailto:bymneb@southernareahospiceservices.org) or call 028 3025 1333

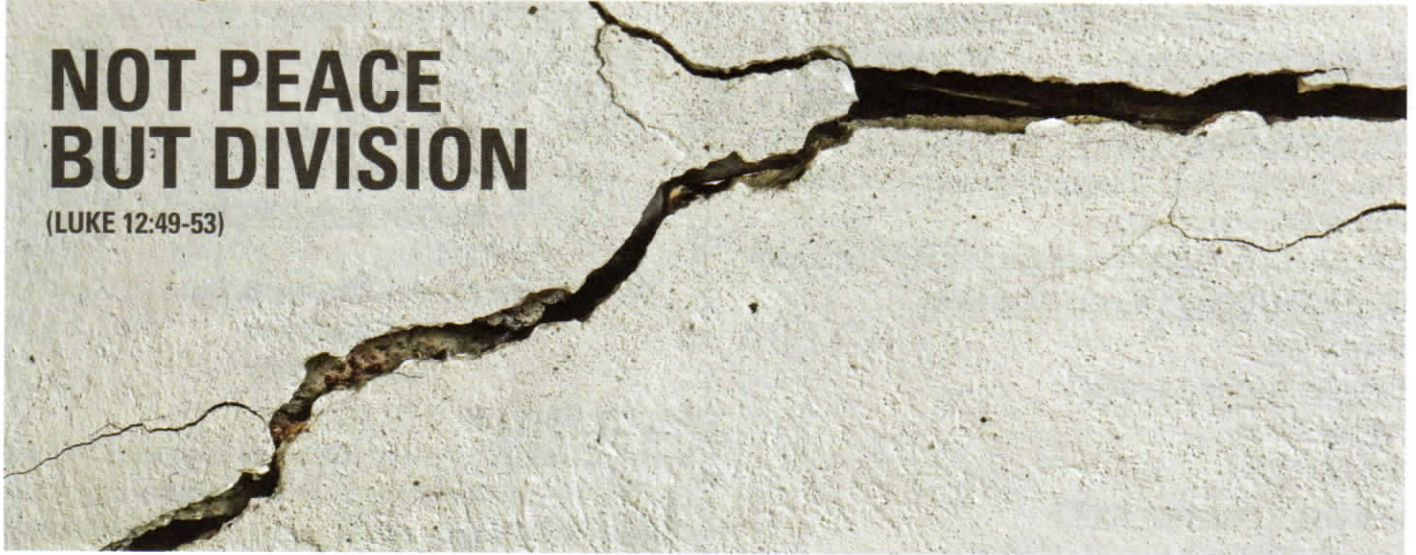
Do you need financial or practical assistance or even a friendly chat?

The St. Vincent De Paul Society is here to help. You can contact us through our helpline number: 07738838187



## NOT PEACE BUT DIVISION

(LUKE 12:49-53)



On an initial glance at today's Gospel, this statement from Jesus is truly frightening. More often than not, the image of God Jesus presents to us is a God of love, tenderness and compassion.

Contrast that image with the God that shows a more fearsome, demanding and frightening side. In some Gospel translations, the opening line reads, "I have come to throw fire on the earth." Throwing fire suggests a more judgemental God, unhappy with what he sees in the world. But this scene reveals that something more profound and destructive is about to happen. Jesus is moving towards Jerusalem where a painful death awaits him.

Rather than downplay some of the harsh images of God in today's Gospel, there is a perspective that may help us understand Jesus' journey to Calvary. The fire referred to in Luke's Gospel can be used to describe the power of the Holy Spirit. The fire of the Holy Spirit is thrown into our world so that we might be renewed. The fire can take on even another meaning and expresses how the final judgment of God is near at hand with the death and resurrection of Jesus. We know that the crucifixion weighs heavily on Jesus' mind today because he states, "I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed." This baptism is not the ritual that we all know and part take in. The word baptism in today's Gospel refers to the death that awaits Jesus. He is filled with anxiety at the prospect of what is about to happen in Jerusalem. So if the first part concerns Jesus and his impending death, the second part of the Gospel focuses on the disciples. They and their families must be ready for the disputes and divisions that will take place after Jesus' death. ■

### DO

Read the Gospel again and focus particularly on the phrase, "Do you think I have come to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." How does Jesus cause division in your life?

### LEARN

"Sometimes truth is not easy to listen to. Prophets have always had to deal with being persecuted for speaking the truth."

(Pope Francis, Mass at Casa Santa Marta, April 2018)

### SAY

"Let us pray for peace and let us bring it about starting in our own homes."

Pope Francis



### REFLECT

Fr Donal Neary SJ, in a reflection on today's Gospel, states that following Jesus has created divisions among people for generations. The fire of Jesus' message will divide people and sometimes those divisions creep into local communities and families. As St Luke states, "father against son, son against father..." Within societies across the world, these divisions against Jesus and his values are getting stronger and more vocal, especially in the areas of bioethics and migration. These values can cause conflict and division in the face of open debate. The church can be seen as judgemental and the enemy but since the very beginning, Jesus points to this as being fundamental to its existence. There is a certain power or fire that Jesus brought into the world that continues today. Fr Neary points out correctly that arising out of today's Gospel, we reflect on the people who put themselves in danger around the world for the right to religious freedom. Thomas Aquinas once said that "whatever is received is received according to the mode of the recipient". In other words, when God's love breaks into the world with all of its fire and power, how do we receive it - as judgemental or as compassionate and tender? Jesus did not come into the world as a trouble maker. He came to show us God's own values and God's love for his people. ■