

## PARISH OF DROMORE

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### Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2019

#### 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

Thurs: 7pm

#### Ballela Anniversaries

Sun 1: None

Sun 8: Hugh Lavery (MM)

#### Dromore Anniversaries

Sun 1: Elizabeth & Malachy Gribbin

Sun 8: Dennis Mallon

Offertory Promise Collection £850.00

#### Readers – Dromore

Sun 8: Colin Skillen

#### Recently Baptised

Eli Christopher Thompson

Matthew Colin Kenneth Hillen – Keene

#### Church Collectors – All Saints – September

Seamus Lavery & Jonathan McKay

#### Sacrament of First Penance, First Holy

#### Communion & Confirmation

Pupils in Primary 4 & 7, Sept 2019.

Parents of children attending schools other than the parish or neighbouring parish schools who wish to have their children prepared for these sacraments are requested to inform Fr Magennis as soon as possible.

#### Season of Creation (1 Sept – 4 Oct)

Today, Christians come together to celebrate the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and to observe the Season of Creation until 4<sup>th</sup> October (the feast of St Francis). We will join this year by offering specific Prayers of the Faithful for creation during masses and by hosting an event within the Season. Please watch the bulletin for more details.

#### Sick visits

The sick of the parish will be visited as follows:

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept Dromore & Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Sept Ballela.

#### Parish Draw Winners Week 23

£100	Laura Rainey	–	263
£50	Brian McArdle		390
£30	Kathleen McGrath		178
£20	Stephen Kelly		024

#### Ballela G.A.C Lotto

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Aug : 9 14 16 24

No £10 winners

Seller: Sean Burns

Jackpot £2000

#### Curran-Rooney School of Irish Dancing

Irish dancing classes will restart in Ballela Old Primary School on **Monday 2nd September at 6.30pm** and St Colman's Hall, Dromore on **Tuesday 3rd September at 7pm**. For further information or to register for a class contact Patricia on 07789757774 or Margaret on 07746871179.

#### 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 [byrneb@southernareahospiceservices.org](mailto:byrneb@southernareahospiceservices.org) or call 028 3025 1333

#### Tai Chi For All Regular practice of Tai Chi helps

to: invigorate body and mind, develop flexibility, strength and balance, and achieve a good posture. Classes are open to all levels, abilities, ages and genders. **First Session Free!** Starts Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Sept from 9.30 – 10.30am in St Colman's Hall Dromore. Classes cost £6 and £4 for concession.

#### 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.

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



**YOU'RE IN THE WRONG SEAT!**

(LUKE 14:1. 7-14)

**SAY**

**The Lord hears the cry of the poor (Psalm 34)**

In the opening line of our Gospel reading today, there are three warnings that the atmosphere of the occasion is hostile: first, it takes place on a Sabbath day; second, Jesus has gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; third, the people there were watching him closely.

However, there must have been an attitude of mutual respect between Jesus and his Pharisee host, since, according to the understanding of table-fellowship, that is, sharing a meal, a person could not eat with someone with whom they had a quarrel. Jesus, though, is just as eagle-eyed as the others, and uses their behaviour to present his teaching.

Throughout Luke's Gospel, there is a radical theme that God's Kingdom involves the normal order of human values and judgments being turned on their head. The truly important people in God's eyes are those who are left out of the feast, those who are pushed to the margins of civic and religious society. The first lesson Jesus gives is that God will humble those who think themselves better than others, and that God will give those who are excluded a place of honour.

Jesus also challenges his hearers to move out of their comfort-zone. The practice of his day was to invite people to dinner and then they were expected to repay your hospitality with a similar invitation. Giving without looking for anything in return should be the mark of the person who is putting the true teaching of the Law (and so of the Gospel) into practice. ■

**LEARN**

The Sabbath is usually the setting for a hostile confrontation between Jesus and the religious authorities, represented by the scribes and Pharisees.

The expression "will be humbled" means 'God will humble'.

"Watched him closely" suggests that the persons concerned are ill-disposed towards Jesus.

**DO**

What is your parish doing to help those in need in your local area? What can you do to help?

**REFLECT**

In Luke's Gospel, there is a sense that Jesus does not care much for the distinctions we human beings tend to make among ourselves. Titles and order of precedence are of little interest to him. While a person's function within the community may seem to be apparently more important, and certainly more obviously prominent, that does not put the individual above anyone else. People used to talk about those of a higher

social class as their betters. Maybe we do not speak like that anymore, but the idea that people should know their place, whether in civic society or in the church, has not disappeared. A sense of being entitled to a place of honour can be a great temptation. To move out of our comfort-zone is always a challenge; but that is what Jesus is inviting us to do. He tells his host, the Pharisee, that he would do much better by caring for the people whom society pushes out of sight. People

today who are the equivalent of the poor, the crippled, the blind, the lame are the likes of those suffering from addiction, runaway teenagers, single mothers driven to use foodbanks: they are the poor today of whom the Bible speaks, and they are the focus of God's especial care, simply because they are in need. If there is a reward, perhaps it should be in the feeling that we are doing the right thing. ■