



## PARTNERS IN MISSION

(JOHN 17:11, 17-23)

Today we are called to pray for the church's worldwide mission. As today's Gospel shows us, Jesus was the first to pray for the success of this mission. He does so in the final moments of the Last Supper before he heads out into the dark, to make the short journey to the Garden of Gethsemane where he will be arrested, and his passion will begin.

The distinguishing mark of Jesus' disciples and the communities called churches they will establish in his name, is their unity with one another in his love, both as disciples and as communities in fellowship. A community of individuals will never hear the call to reach out to others in mission. A church that is internally divided, where the members are at war with one another, will not be fit for mission. Whatever witness it attempts to give will be so impoverished and weakened that it will fail to represent the generous self-forgetting love of Christ, who washed his disciples' feet and fed them with his Body and Blood. Jesus puts it very simply when he prays for his disciples to his Father: "Consecrate them in truth." If the church does not face the truth about itself, about the world and the people it is called to serve, its witness will be false and worthless. ■

### SAY

Lord Jesus, watch over your missionaries who have left home and family to witness worldwide to your love. When times are difficult, comfort them. In good times, help them to bear even greater witness to your love.

### LEARN

The church received its mission from Christ its founder when he said "Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And look, I am with you always; yes, to the end of time." (Mat 28:19-20)

The church's mission work also includes all that can be done for the development and well-being of the human person.

Lay people, as singles or married couples, are welcome partners in the church's mission.

Give up some little pleasure this week and give the price of it to the missions.

### DO

Organise or join a group to discuss what a renewed priesthood for today would look like. What lifestyle might be appropriate for a priest in our day and age?



### REFLECT

Many people will know that the main patron of the missions is St Francis Xavier, a Jesuit who spent 11 years evangelising India and Japan before dying in sight of China. Many will also know that St Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower, is the second patron of the missions: even though she spent her life in an enclosed convent, her prayer was focussed on the needs of the missionary church. Less well

known is Pauline Jaricot. Although she had dreamed of being a missionary from childhood, Pauline never left her native France and spent all her life in her family home. When she was still just about 20, Pauline hit on a scheme for helping the missions. She asked each of her best friends to find ten other people who would be willing to contribute one cent each week for the work of the missions. The associates would collect

the money regularly and see it was sent off to the missions. Pauline's little society eventually became known as the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. It is the major Catholic organisation worldwide for supporting the church's overseas missions. It is known in Ireland as World Mission Ireland. Recently it has supported the mission work in Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Swaziland. ■

## PARISH OF DROMORE

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### Mission Sunday

#### 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

**in 20**: Anthony McEvoy

**Sun 27**: None

#### Dromore Anniversaries

**Sun 20**: Bella Finegan

Peter Finegan (Months Mind)

**Sun 27** : John & Bridget Maginess & deceased members of The Maginess Family.

Offertory Promise Collection £796.71

#### Readers – Dromore

**Sun 27**: Siobhan McArdle

#### Recently Baptised

Elise Trudy Cunningham

Cyrus Alexander Richardson - Springett

#### Annaclone, Ballela & Dromore Lourdes

#### Committee

Lourdes reunion mass for pilgrims and workers will be on **Sunday 20th October 3pm** in St Therese church Banbridge and refreshments will be served after in the parish centre

#### Do This In memory, Enrolment Sunday

Will take place on **Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Oct** in both churches.

#### Propagation of the Faith Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Oct

"Today, vast numbers of people just do not know Jesus Christ. For this reason, the mission to the nations continues to be most urgent. World Mission Day is a privileged moment when the faithful of various continents engage in prayer and concrete gestures of solidarity in support of young Churches in mission lands" (Pope Francis). Your contribution is one way in which you can fulfil your call to be a 'missionary'.

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019

#### Parish Draw Winners Week 30

£500 John Murphy                      135  
£500 John Beggs                         469

#### Ballela G.A.C Lotto

Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Oct: 1 2 15 16

No £10 winner's

Seller: Anglers Rest    Jackpot £2000

#### Ballela Community Group Pub Quiz

Pub Quiz will take place on **Sat 26<sup>th</sup> of October** in the Gall Bog Lounge at 8.30pm. Admission is £5 per person and a Maximum of 6 people per team. Cash Prize for winning team. Light supper served.

#### Mothers' Union Invitation

Dromore Cathedral Mothers' Union would like you to join them at this year's Visitors' Evening on **Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct at 8pm** when they will have the Rev Canon Derek Kerr from Randelstown speaking about his association with the Royal Family and his collection of memorabilia.

#### St Colman's P.S Dromore 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration

In their current school building. We are having a special evening on **Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Nov** and invite everyone along for a little trip down memory lane. We are looking for any old pictures or memorabilia of the school which could be used at the event to commemorate its anniversary. If you any items you would like to contribute, memories you would like to share or can help in any way please contact the school on 92692628 or email

[info@stcolmans.dromore.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@stcolmans.dromore.ni.sch.uk).

#### Whist

Whist will be held on **Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Oct** in Dromore hall at 8.30pm. Ladies to supply pastry: Ann Mallon and Deirdre Cunningham

#### Tea and Chat

Tea and chat will take place on **Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Oct** in St Colman's hall Dromore after 11am mass.

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