

## PARISH OF DROMORE

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### Second Sunday of Lent

#### 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

**Fri:** Stations of the Cross following 9.30 mass

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

##### All Saints

**Thurs:** 7.00pm

##### Ballela Anniversaries

**Sun 8:** Patrick, Mary Rose & Willie Doyle  
Mary & Patrick Jnr Doyle  
Willie, Sarah & Sean Lavery

**Sun 15:** Arthur & Alice Burns

##### Dromore Anniversaries

**Sun 8:** Mary Verhoeven & Bernadette Bradley  
Kathleen Aherne  
Mary McKeown

**Sun 15:** Laurence McDonald

**Offertory Promise Collection** £1189.01

##### Readers – Dromore

**Sun 15:** Colin Skillen

##### Come and See Weekend

A "Come and See Weekend" will take place on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th May, 2020, in St Patrick's College, Maynooth for those thinking about Diocesan Priesthood. It will be an opportunity for men (18 years and older) to come together, to reflect more on the call to Diocesan Priesthood.

Those who join for the weekend will have an opportunity to meet with other Seminarians and Priests and ask questions and there will be some time for worship and prayer. There will be no cost for the weekend and accommodation and meals will be provided. For further information about the weekend you can email [info@vocations.ie](mailto:info@vocations.ie) or you can contact your local Diocesan Vocations Director at [tonymcorr@aol.co.uk](mailto:tonymcorr@aol.co.uk) or call Fr Tony at 028 406 23264

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020

#### Parish Draw Winners Week 50

£500	Hugh Pat O'Hare	099
£500	Joe Doyle	335

Unfortunately the number of members of the Parish Draw has fallen over the last few years and as a result the Parish Finance Committee has undertaken a review of the Draw. It has looked at the cost of membership of draws in other Parishes and also the prize money paid out. It has agreed that the new Parish Draw, which commences on 7 March 2020, will be conducted as follows:

Cost	The cost will remain at £1 per week
Weekly Prizes	Each week the prizes will be £100 & £50
Ten weekly	Every tenth week the prizes will be £500 & £250

New members are very welcome and if you would like to join the Parish Draw please contact Mary Burns on 07917517520 or complete one of the forms at the back of the church and leave it in the collection box or the Parochial House.

#### Ballela G.A.C.

**Lotto: 2 3 4 12.**

No £10 winner's                      Seller: Sean Burn

Next week's Jackpot £2500.

The Lotto can now be played online at [www.klubfunder.com/clubballela\\_GAC](http://www.klubfunder.com/clubballela_GAC)

#### St Vincent de Paul

New members urgently required, especial young people and female volunteers. Contact any member.

#### Candle of Atonement

To mark the Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse (Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Feb), the candle has been re-lit in St Colman's. Please say a prayer for victims.

#### Pope John Paul II Awards

The Award Ceremony will take place on Wed March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm in St Teresa's Church Banbridge.

This is a great achievement, for our young people, their families, parishes and schools. We hope that all are able to attend and receive their Award.

#### Offertory Promise Boxes

New envelopes are now available at the back of the church, please lift your box.

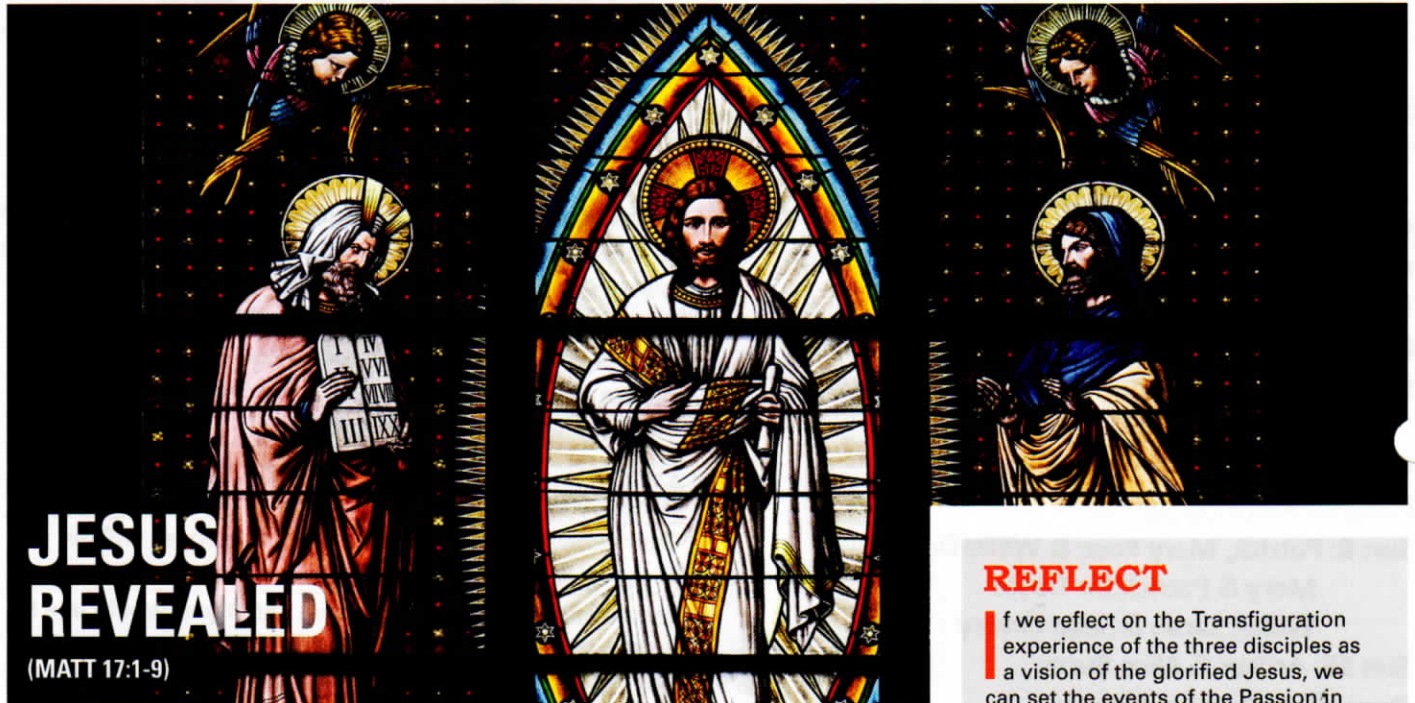
**Do you need financial or practical assistance or even a friendly chat?**

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

# Sunday Message

**THE WORD**

Year A • Season Colour: Purple • Psalter Week 2



*Transfiguration on Mount Tabor, depicted in stained glass in Votivkirche (Votive Church), Vienna*

## At the beginning of his ministry in Galilee, Jesus is revealed as the Son of God at his baptism.

Matthew tells us about a similar event when Jesus is about to begin his journey towards Jerusalem and his ministry in Judea: we hear about that episode today in the extract presenting the Transfiguration. Matthew describes it as a vision of Jesus in glory, of who and what he will be in the fulfilled Kingdom of God. Moses and Elijah represent the Jewish Law and the prophets: but there is more to them than that. The end of the lives of both was shrouded in mystery: Moses died after being granted a glimpse of the land of Canaan which he would not enter; he was buried, perhaps by God, and no one knew where his grave or tomb might be. Elijah was taken up into heaven in a blazing chariot and was expected to return. In this sense, they would be suitable persons to be talking with Jesus about the events to come. The cloud is a symbol in the Hebrew Bible of the presence of God: we find it mentioned in the Exodus journey and in Moses' meeting with God on Mount Sinai. When Moses came down the mountain, his face was shining so brightly from being in God's presence that he had to wear a veil over it so that the Israelites could look at him.

There are echoes of the book of Daniel and its visions of the end of time and the establishing of God's kingdom. The Transfiguration is an experience of that future glory which tells the disciples that the cross will not be the end: Jesus hints at this when he instructs them to tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead. ■

## REFLECT

If we reflect on the Transfiguration experience of the three disciples as a vision of the glorified Jesus, we can set the events of the Passion in their context: Matthew is presenting Jesus as the fulfilment of the Hebrew scriptures and traditions by showing him speaking on equal terms with the two great representative figures of Judaism, Moses and Elijah. He is also telling us that Jesus' teaching about his disciples taking up their cross and following him should be seen against the background of the resurrection.

The vision is given to the disciples to strengthen them in the events to come, and during Lent, we are invited to enter into those events. We are also invited to see our lives as they involve the cross, whatever form that might take for us individually, and to realize that accepting the Cross was the sign that Jesus is the Son of God. To be a disciple of Jesus involves sacrifice of one kind or another: if we consider the sacrifice God and Jesus made for us, then we might see our own cross in a different light. Lent is a joyful season: there is glory after Calvary. ■

## LEARN

A cloud is often a biblical symbol for the presence of God.

The Transfiguration event is a vision of Jesus in heavenly glory: it is full of symbolic references.

Peter, James and John are present at several intimate scenes in the story of Jesus.

## DO

Consider the cross as you go about your daily life. What is your cross? How could it be your means to glory?

## SAY

**Lord, it is good for us to be here!**

(Matthew 17:4)

