

PARISH OF DROMORE

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Easter Sunday

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Private masses offered at 9.45 (All Saints, Ballela) and 11.00 (St Colman's Dromore) for the intentions of all parishioners. Holy Water blessed at the Easter ceremonies is available in barrels at the doors of both churches for you to fill your own bottles. Bottles will be brought to those who are house-bound on request.

Anniversaries will continue to be offered at the private Sunday and weekday masses (Tues, Thurs and Fri) during Easter Week.

Ballela Anniversaries

Sun 12- Barney Doyle, Desmond O'Rourke

Sun 19 - none

Dromore Anniversaries

Sun 12 - Patricia Wilson

Sun 19 - none

Important information on Trócaire Boxes

While we are facing challenging times, we remember those communities across the world that are supported by Trócaire - Trócaire has already been asked to provide essential equipment like masks, gloves, testing kits, disinfectant and thermometers and to support awareness-raising and health advice through the use of social and broadcast media. Trócaire needs our help more than ever. Owing to the current restrictions it will be difficult for the boxes to be returned in the normal way during the Easter ceremonies. Trócaire advises that parishioners donate online at <https://www.trocaire.org/donate/make-a-donation>

In this way vital donations will be received immediately and dispersed by Trócaire to where the money is most needed in the fight against Covid-19. Only where it is not possible for parishioners to donate online, they are asked to hold onto their boxes until further notice. Trócaire will advise about how to return these when it is safe for people to do so.

Follow us on Facebook for updates and notices

12th April 2020

Please note that the parish churches and cemeteries are closed in accordance with statutory regulations

The following actions will be taken in this parish:

- The churches and cemeteries are now closed to the public (except for funerals).
- All celebrations (except funerals) are suspended.
- You can participate online in the celebration of Mass from several local churches via: www.mcnmedia.tv/cameras/county/northern-ireland
- The parish office is closed but we will still respond to phone calls.
- We would like to update our contacts with parishioners to be able to keep in touch, especially with those self-isolating. If you wish to join our new mailing list, please send your email to the parish email address (above).

Community response to Coronavirus

Via Wings is offering its services to coordinate the provision of food bags to those who may become isolated and vulnerable during this Emergency. We are asked to help resource Via Wings by making donations of food either at its premises in Princes St, Dromore or in collection points in local shops (Vivo Essential, Eurospar, Tesco, Supervalu, Lidl). Please consider a donation when you are shopping. Please provide us with details of anyone whom you consider needs support by phoning the parish office with details.



Happy Easter to all our parishioners!

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Advice from Pope Francis on going to Confession in these days (from his daily homily on 20th March 2020)

I know that many of you, for Easter, go to Confession to find yourself with God. But many will say to me today: "But father, where can I find a priest, a confessor, because I can't go out of the house? And I want to make peace with the Lord, I want him to hug me, that my Papa hugs me ... What can I do if I don't find priests? ".

You do what the Catechism says. It is very clear: if you do not find a priest to confess, speak to God, he is your Father, and tell him the truth: "Lord, I have committed this, this, this ... pardon me". And ask him for forgiveness with all your heart, with the Act of Sorrow, and promise him: "Afterwards I will confess, but forgive me now". And immediately you will return to the grace of God. You yourself can approach, as the Catechism teaches us, the forgiveness of God without having a priest "at hand". Think about it: it's time! This is the right time, the right time. A well done Act of pain, and so our soul will become white as snow.

Spiritual Communion in Your Heart

At this time, we remember the Catholic tradition of a spiritual communion in one's heart.

When we cannot attend Mass, we can still make an Act of Spiritual Communion, in which we express our faith in Christ and in His Presence in the Eucharist, and ask Him to unite Himself with us. The basic elements of an Act of Spiritual Communion are an Act of Faith; an Act of Love; a desire to receive Christ; and an invitation to Him to come into your heart. There are various popular prayers to accompany an Act of Spiritual Communion, e.g.

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

Some prayers appropriate to these days.

We have just celebrated the feast of St Patrick. His great Breastplate is a celebration of God's protective power. This extract is also a popular hymn – why not sing it to time your handwashing!

Extract from Saint Patrick's Breastplate

Christ be beside me, Christ before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, Shield in the strife
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, Light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,
Christ be in all tongues telling of me,
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,
In ears that hear me, Christ ever be

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that anyone who fled to your
protection,
implored your help, or sought your intercession was left
unaided.

Inspired with this confidence,

I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.

To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and
answer. Amen.

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