

## PARISH OF DROMORE

Rev Feidhlimidh Magennis Tel: 07702665123

Parish website: [www.stcolmans.org](http://www.stcolmans.org)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/stcolmans](https://www.facebook.com/stcolmans)

St Vincent de Paul Helpline: 07738838187

Rev Dr Frank Rice, Deacon - Mobile: 07746-842977 Parochial House Dromore Tel: 02892-692218

Parish email address: [office@stcolmans.org](mailto:office@stcolmans.org)

Diocesan Safeguarding Officer: Patricia Carville 07789 917741

### Second Sunday of Easter

**On Sunday**, 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

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

#### **Ballela Anniversaries**

**Sun 19** – none

**Sun 26** - none

#### **Dromore Anniversaries**

**Sun 19** – none

**Sun 26** – none

#### **Recently Deceased**

Alice Morgan, Banbridge Rd, Dromore

Betty McClure, Mountvale Nursing Home

Michael Duggan, Mountvale Nursing Home

#### **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 to their boxes until further notice. Trócaire will advise about how to return these when safe for people to do so.

19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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).

#### **Donating to the parish**

The current health crisis is having a serious impact on donations to many charities. In this bulletin, we offer ways to make online donations to Trocaire (see opposite). Secondly, the Diocese has set up an online donation facility on the home page of the diocesan website ([www.dromorediocese.com](http://www.dromorediocese.com)) where you can donate to the parish or to clergy support, once or on a monthly basis



***Happy Easter to all our parishioners!***

## PARISH OF DROMORE

Rev Feidhlimidh Magennis Tel: 07702665123

Parish website: [www.stcolmans.org](http://www.stcolmans.org)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/stcolmans](https://www.facebook.com/stcolmans)

St Vincent de Paul Helpline: 07738838187

Rev Dr Frank Rice, Deacon - Mobile: 07746-842977  
Parochial House Dromore Tel: 02892-692218

Parish email address: [office@stcolmans.org](mailto:office@stcolmans.org)

Diocesan Safeguarding Officer: Patricia Carville 07789 917741



**COVID-19  
COUPLES & RELATIONSHIPS  
SUPPORT LINE**



**IF YOU NEED TO SPEAK TO AN  
EXPERIENCED COUPLES &  
RELATIONSHIPS COUNSELLOR  
DURING THIS TIME OF  
UNPRECEDENTED STRESS AND  
PRESSURE ON FAMILY LIFE...**

Contact:

**028 9568 0151 003531 531 3331**

9.00 am - 8.00 pm, Monday to Friday

All calls charged at local rate.

### **Easter Message of Pope Francis (from his Urbi et Orbe blessing on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020)**

Today the Church's proclamation echoes throughout the world: "Jesus Christ is risen!" – "He is truly risen!". Like a new flame this Good News springs up in the night: the night of a world already faced with epochal challenges and now oppressed by a pandemic severely testing our whole human family. In this night, the Church's voice rings out: "Christ, my hope, has arisen!" (Easter Sequence).

This is a different "contagion", a message transmitted from heart to heart – for every human heart awaits this Good News. It is the contagion of hope: "Christ, my hope, is risen!". This is no magic formula that makes problems vanish. No, the resurrection of Christ is not that. Instead, it is the victory of love over the root of evil, a victory that does not "by-pass" suffering and death, but passes through them, opening a path in the abyss, transforming evil into good: this is the unique hallmark of the power of God.

The Risen Lord is also the Crucified One, not someone else. In his glorious body he bears indelible wounds: wounds that have become windows of hope. Let us turn our gaze to him that he may heal the wounds of an afflicted humanity.

Today my thoughts turn in the first place to the many who have been directly affected by the coronavirus: the sick, Today my thoughts turn in the first place to the many who have been directly affected by the coronavirus: the sick, those who have died and family members who mourn the loss of their loved ones, to whom, in some cases, they were unable even to bid a final farewell. May the Lord of life welcome the departed into his kingdom and grant comfort and hope to those still suffering, especially the elderly and those who are alone. May he never withdraw his consolation and help from those who are especially vulnerable, such as persons who work in nursing homes, or live in barracks and prisons. For many, this is an Easter of solitude lived amid the sorrow and hardship that the pandemic is causing, from physical suffering to economic difficulties.

May Jesus, our Passover, grant strength and hope to doctors and nurses, who everywhere offer a witness of care and love for our neighbours, to the point of exhaustion and not infrequently at the expense of their own health. Our gratitude and affection go to them, to all who work diligently to guarantee the essential services necessary for civil society, and to the law enforcement and military personnel who in many countries have helped ease people's difficulties and sufferings.

In these weeks, the lives of millions of people have suddenly changed. For many, remaining at home has been an opportunity to reflect, to withdraw from the frenetic pace of life, stay with loved ones and enjoy their company. For many, though, this is also a time of worry about an uncertain future, about jobs that are at risk and about other consequences of the current crisis. I encourage political leaders to work actively for the common good, to provide the means and resources needed to enable everyone to lead a dignified life and, when circumstances allow, to assist them in resuming their normal daily activities.

This is not a time for indifference, because the whole world is suffering and needs to be united in facing the pandemic. May the risen Jesus grant hope to all the poor, to those living on the peripheries, to refugees and the homeless. Let us ensure that they do not lack basic necessities (all the more difficult to find now that many businesses are closed) such as medicine and especially the possibility of adequate health care.

This is not a time for self-centredness, because the challenge we are facing is shared by all, without

## PARISH OF DROMORE

Rev Feidhlimidh Magennis Tel: 07702665123

Parish website: [www.stcolmans.org](http://www.stcolmans.org)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/stcolmans](https://www.facebook.com/stcolmans)

St Vincent de Paul Helpline: 07738838187

Rev Dr Frank Rice, Deacon - Mobile: 07746-842977 Parochial House Dromore Tel: 02892-692218

Parish email address: [office@stcolmans.org](mailto:office@stcolmans.org)

Diocesan Safeguarding Officer: Patricia Carville 07789 917741

distinguishing between persons. Among the many areas of the world affected by the coronavirus, I think in a special way of Europe. After the Second World War, this continent was able to rise again, thanks to a concrete spirit of solidarity that enabled it to overcome the rivalries of the past. The European Union is presently facing an epochal challenge, on which will depend not only its future but that of the whole world. Let us not lose the opportunity to give further proof of solidarity, also by turning to innovative solutions.

This is not a time for division. May Christ our peace enlighten all who have responsibility in conflicts, that they may have the courage to support the appeal for an immediate global ceasefire in all corners of the world. This is not a time for continuing to manufacture and deal in arms, spending vast amounts of money that ought to be used to care for others and save lives.

This is not a time for forgetfulness. The crisis we are facing should not make us forget the many other crises that bring suffering to so many people. May the Lord of life be close to all those in Asia and Africa who are experiencing grave humanitarian crises. May he warm the hearts of the many refugees displaced because of wars, drought and famine. May he grant protection to migrants and refugees, many of them children, who are living in unbearable conditions

### 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.*

### 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.

### Some prayers appropriate to these days.

*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.

## *PARISH OF DROMORE*

**Rev Feidhlimidh Magennis Tel: 07702665123**

**Parish website: [www.stcolmans.org](http://www.stcolmans.org)**

**Facebook: [www.facebook.com/stcolmans](https://www.facebook.com/stcolmans)**

**St Vincent de Paul Helpline: 07738838187**

**Rev Dr Frank Rice, Deacon - Mobile: 07746-842977 Parochial  
House Dromore Tel: 02892-692218**

**Parish email address: [office@stcolmans.org](mailto:office@stcolmans.org)**

**Diocesan Safeguarding Officer: Patricia Carville 07789 917741**

**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