

PARISH OF DROMORE

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All Saints Day

Sunday Mass Times

St Colman's Dromore

Sunday, 11.00 am

Sunday Mass will continue to be broadcast live on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/stcolmans)

All Saints, Ballela

Sunday, 9.45 am

Weekday masses

Mon, Tues and Fri: 9.30 am (St Colman's)

Thurs: 7.00 pm (All Saints)

Saturday: 10.00 am (St Colman's)

Ballela Anniversaries

Sun 1: Hugh, Mary Teresa & Hugh Jnr McCusker
Kathleen Byrne

Sun 8: None

Dromore Anniversaries

Sun 1: Mary Murphy

Sun 8: None

Offertory promise collection £565.70

Readers Dromore

Sun 8: Brendan McCann

Recently Baptised

Ana Maura Ward

Recently Deceased

Felix McConville, Formerly Dromore.

Ambrose McConville, Ballynahinch Rd, Dromore.

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Bereavement Support Service

First Wednesday of every month in the day Therapy Suite Southern Area Hospice, Newry. Starts 4th Nov 6.30pm – 8.00pm. An opportunity to have a conversation, gain support or simply listen. Pre booking is essential. Contact Fiona: 02830267711. Max 4 spaces. Please do not book if feeling unwell or have been in contact with a person who has tested positive. Face covering will be expected unless medically exempt.

1st Nov 2020

Remembering our Dead in November

During these difficult times, we are all mindful of those grieving families, who, because of restrictions, have been unable to experience the customary spiritual and community supports which are so much part of our Catholic tradition. With this in mind the Bishops of Ireland have decided in November that we remember, in a special way, those who have died and to pray for the families who have experienced so much pain and sadness in these past eight months

Sunday 1 November

A short prayer service to dedicate the month of November to 'Remembrance of the Dead and Prayer for the Bereaved' will take place on **Sunday 1 November at 3.00pm** throughout Ireland. We will join in St Colman's Church, and broadcast the service on the parish Facebook page.

All Souls Day (Monday 2 November)

Masses will be offered at 9.30 am in St Colman's and at 7.00 pm in All Saints, Ballela.

November Dead Lists

Available at the back of the churches. Please complete and return to the churches or to the Parochial House. Masses will be offered throughout the month for those listed.

Sunday 22 November

The usual Sunday masses will be offered for all our faithful departed in the past year. Please inform the parish office of parishioners not buried in the parish to be included in this mass. The following is a list from our parish records of those who have died since **Nov 2019**: Martha McCullough, Ann Cappa, Rita Keenan, James McDonald, Alice Morgan, Betty McClure, Michael Duggan, Sarah Tugwell, Patrick Kelly, Tom Aherne, John Murphy, Seamus Cunningham, Brigid McEvoy, Philomena Wisdom, Gerald Finegan, Damian Wilson, Felix McConville & Ambrose McConville. Due to restrictions on numbers it is not essential that relatives attend this mass. Candles will be placed on graves afterwards and the mass can be viewed online.

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Feasts of the Week

Tuesday - Saint Malachy (c.1094 - 1190)

He was a priest in Armagh and in 1123 he was sent to the abbey of Bangor in Co. Down, then in urgent need of reform, as its abbot. He was made Bishop of Connor in 1124 and did much to revive that neglected diocese. He was appointed Archbishop of Armagh in 1132, with a similar aim, but it took him two years to obtain possession, since the Archbishopric of Armagh had become hereditary, and the family that owned it objected to an outsider taking over. He restored order to the Church and Christian morals to the people, and founded monasteries, including the first Cistercian monastery in Ireland, at Mellifont. On a journey to Rome he stopped at Clairvaux to visit his friend St Bernard, fell sick and died in his arms.

Wednesday - St Charles Borromeo (1538 - 1584)

Charles Borromeo was a leading figure of the Catholic Reformation. He was born on the shores of Lake Maggiore in northern Italy, to a powerful family. When his uncle was elected Pope Pius IV in 1559 he was summoned to Rome and made a cardinal. He played a large part in the diplomatic efforts that led to the re-opening in 1562 of the reforming Council of Trent, which had been suspended since 1552.

In late 1562 Charles's elder brother died, and Charles was ordained priest. He was soon consecrated as Archbishop of Milan, but the Pope would not let him leave Rome because he was needed there. He worked on the catechism, the Missal and the Breviary, and reformed his own diocese as well as he could from a distance through trusted deputies.

At length Pius IV died and in 1566 his successor permitted Charles to take up residence in his diocese. He set up the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine to teach children the faith. When famine struck, he fed 3,000 people at his own expense for three months and inspired others to do likewise. When plague came, he prepared himself for death,

made his will, and worked in the hospital where the worst cases were cared for. Charles died on 3 November 1584 at the age of 46.

Thursday - Saint Martin de Porres (1579 - 1639)

He was born in Lima in Peru, the illegitimate son of a Spanish nobleman and a black ex-slave. His mother gave him a Christian education and he became a pharmacist and a nurse. Despite his father's opposition he entered the Dominican Order as a lay brother in 1603 and spent his life working for the sick and the poor. Many people of all ranks would come to him for advice. He had a great devotion to the Holy Eucharist. He has been named as a patron saint of those of mixed race.

Friday - All the Saints of Ireland

Ireland, especially in the early Christian centuries, was known as an isle of saints and scholars. More than once, when the rest of western Europe was submerged in ignorance and chaos, Ireland kept learning alive.

Many of the Irish saints combined pastoral care with an observance of the monastic life. The Irish also did much as missionaries, bringing the faith to other parts of Europe, and the story of St Brendan, whether authentic history or not, shows that they set their sights even further afield.

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To contribute to 'tracking and tracing', we ask you to sign an attendance sheet when you enter the churches. If we be informed that a person attending mass has tested positive for the virus, we will be able to alert and advise others in attendance at that time. We ask all adults and young people to download the Stop COVID-NI app to help with tracking and tracing. Please be a leader of good practice in church and in our community.

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- Use the **hand sanitisers** on entry to the churches.
- Wear a **face mask** in the churches. Maintain a social distance of **2 metres**
- Follow guidance regarding seating, directions of travel and use of facilities.
- **Bulletins and missalettes** cannot be reused so please bring your copies home or place in bin at front door.
- The **collection** basket will **not** be passed around the church. Please deposit envelopes in box in church porch.
- The Sunday Obligation continues to be suspended.

The above arrangements will apply to all celebrations (masses, baptisms, funerals, etc). Attendance at funerals and weddings is currently restricted to 25 people.