

PARISH OF DROMORE

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Second Sunday in ordinary time

Broadcast Masses on Facebook

Starting on Friday 8th January, Sunday Masses are broadcast live on Facebook at 9.45 (Ballela) and 11.00 (Dromore) (www.facebook.com/stcolmans)

Anniversaries will continue to be offered at the Sunday and private weekday masses.

Ballela Anniversaries

Sun 17: Edward & Elizabeth McGrath

Sun 24: None

Dromore Anniversaries

Sun 17: Hugh Eadie

Isobel & James Mulgrew

Sun 24: None

Offertory promise collection £427.41

Donating to the Parish

The current situation continues to have a serious impact on donations to many charities. The Diocese has set up an online donation facility on the diocesan website (www.dromorediocese.org) where you can donate to this parish or to clergy support, on a one-off or a monthly basis.

Parishioners who choose to use their weekly envelopes should retain them and return them when public masses resume, or contact the parish office to arrange a secure delivery to the office.

St. Colman's P.S, Dromore

We are looking forward to welcoming applications for new P1 admissions in 2021. For further information about our school, please visit our website where you can also view our 'Virtual Open Day' video. Enrolment opens on 7th January, if you would like assistance with your application or have any questions please get in touch on Tel: 92692628 or Email: info@stcolmans.dromore.ni.sch.uk

We look forward to hearing from you

17th January 2021

New Lockdown

In support of our Health Services and to contribute to the general "Stay at Home" directions, we are cancelling public masses until Saturday 6th February. Provision will be made for baptisms, weddings and funerals (following social distancing requirements) in this period.

The parish office and the halls will be closed to the public, but we will still respond to phone calls and other messages. We thank all parishioner who have cooperated successfully with our procedures to limit the spread of the virus over the past months. We will be maintaining our risk assessment procedures and monitoring the situation.

We urge all our parishioners to stay at home and avoid all non-essential journeys. The spread of the virus has accelerated and additional, rigorous controls are required to protect everyone while we prepare for vaccination.

VACANCY

Parish Office Administrator (Permanent, Part-time, 25 hours per week)

The Parish of Seapatrick (Banbridge) is seeking to employ a Parish Office Administrator to work in the Parish Office based at the Parish Centre, Edenderry Road, Banbridge.

Further information - including a Job Description, Personal Specification and Application Form - is available from the **Finance and Compliance Officer, Dromore Diocesan Office, 44 Armagh Road, Newry, BT35 6PN, or by email: finance@dromorediocese.org** Closing date for applications: **5pm, Friday 22nd January 2021.**

New Parish email address

Please note that the parish has a new email address:

dromoreparish@dromorediocese.org

Any emails using the old address will be forwarded to the new address and we will still receive them.

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Feasts of the Week

Thursday – St Agnes (d. 304)



As with so many of the early Roman martyrs, very little is now known about Agnes' life. Partly this is because the details have been obscured by the light that shines from her martyrdom and the cult that it inspired, and partly because if you are martyred at the age of 12, your life has not really acquired that many details in any case. Agnes was filled with the love of God from an early age, vowed herself to celibacy, and when the opportunity of martyrdom arose, she did not hide away but stepped forward and took it.

That is really all that is known: but it is enough. We who are used to compromising with the world at every turn, and would find excuses to avoid any inconveniences that our faith might cause us, let alone martyrdom ("yes, of course I would die for my faith *in principle*, but wouldn't I be able to do more good in the long run if I stayed alive just now?"), should admire the simple wisdom of Agnes, realise that there are moments where compromise and moral ambiguity just will not do, and pray for the strength to live up to such moments when they happen.

Friday – St Vincent



A Spaniard, he was born in Huesca and became a deacon of the church of Saragossa (Zaragoza). He was tortured to death in Valencia, in the persecution of Diocletian. After his death, his cult spread rapidly through the Roman Empire.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (17-25 January)

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2021 has been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. The theme that was chosen, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit", is based on John 15:1-17 and expresses Grandchamp Community's vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the Church and the human family.

Today the community has fifty sisters, all women from different generations, Church traditions, countries and continents. In their diversity the sisters are a living parable of communion. They remain faithful to a life of prayer, life in community and the welcoming of guests. The sisters share the grace of their monastic life with visitors and volunteers who go to Grandchamp for a time of retreat, silence, healing or in search of meaning.

For 2021, the sisters are inviting churches across the world to enter into their tradition of prayer and silence that is rooted in the ancient traditions of the Church catholic.

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