

PARISH OF DROMORE

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Third 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.

Mass broadcast on Monday at 9.30 – for the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul and the conclusion of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Ballela Anniversaries

Sun 24: Birthday intention for Cath Cosgrave

Sun 31: None

Dromore Anniversaries

Sun 24: None

Sun 31: Wenny Moreland; Rosaleen McGreevy

Offertory promise collection £600.00

Recently Baptised

Bailey Christopher Bigley; Neve Mary Bigley

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.+

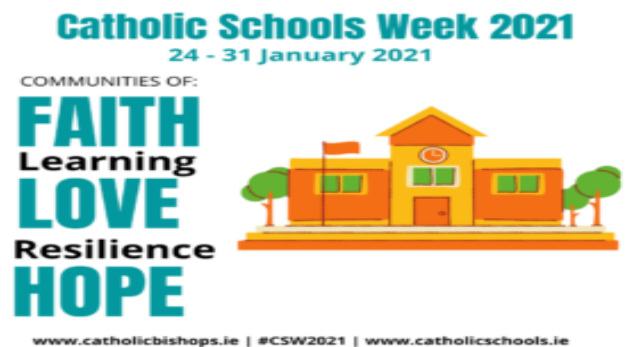
24th January 2021

Extended Lockdown

In support of our Health Services and to contribute to the general "Stay at Home" directions, **the Northern Bishops have extended the cancellation of public masses until Friday 5th March.** 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 urge all our parishioners to stay at home and avoid all non-essential journeys. The rigorous controls are required to protect everyone while we prepare for vaccination.

Catholic Schools Week (24-31 January)



Catholic Schools Weeks will have the theme, **Communities of Faith and Resilience.** Our schools are inspired by the belief that God created each one of us with a capacity to give love and receive love. This love is bound in faith and is more resilient than any virus. We celebrate the imaginative, creative and supportive ways our schools have cared for our children, their education and their families at this time.

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

Monday - The Conversion of Saint Paul



Conversion of Saint Paul by Caravaggio (1571-1610)

Saul, the young man who looked after the cloaks of the men who were stoning St Stephen, grew into a dedicated and efficient persecutor of Christians. Today's feast celebrates the day that Christ appeared to him in a vision as he was on the way to Damascus, reproached him for his persecutions and converted him to the true faith.

Tuesday – Saints Timothy and Titus



Timothy and Titus were converted to Christianity by St Paul, and became his companions and helpers. Paul entrusted Timothy with the care of the Christians in Ephesus, and sent Titus to Crete to look after the Christians there. He wrote them the so-called “pastoral” epistles, giving advice for pastors and people alike.

Thursday – St Thomas Aquinas (1225 - 1274)



He was born of a noble family in southern Italy, and was educated by the Benedictines; he decided to become a Dominican instead. His family were scandalised by this disreputable plan that they kept him prisoner for over a year; but he was more obstinate and had his way at last. He studied in Paris and in Cologne under the great philosopher St Albert the Great. It was a time of great philosophical ferment. The writings of Aristotle, the greatest philosopher of the ancient world, were becoming available to people in the West for the first time in a thousand years. Many feared that Aristotelianism was flatly contradictory to Christianity – the fact that Aristotle's works were coming to the West from mostly Muslim sources did nothing to help matters.

Into this chaos Thomas brought some sense. Truth cannot contradict truth: if Aristotle (the great, infallible pagan philosopher) appears to contradict Christianity (which we know by faith to be true), then either Aristotle is wrong or the contradiction is in fact illusory. And so Thomas studied, taught and argued: and eventually the philosophy that he worked out brought an end to the controversy. Out of his work came many writings on philosophy and theology, and also, the dazzling poetry of the liturgy for Corpus Christi. And out of his sanctity came the day when, celebrating Mass, he had a vision that, he said, made all his writings seem like so much straw; and he wrote no more.