

PARISH OF DROMORE

Rev Feidhlimidh Magennis Tel: 07702665123

Parish website: www.stcolmans.org

Facebook: 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: dromoreparish@dromorediocese.org

Diocesan Safeguarding Officer: Patricia Carville 07789 917741

Fifth 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 7: None

Sun 14: John McAnarney

Dromore Anniversaries

Sun 7: Patrick & Kathleen Coyle

Sun 14: Geraldine O'Loughlin

Offertory promise collection £285.00

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.

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.

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.

7th February 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.

Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2021

"Here are my hands, hold them. Please don't leave South Sudan alone. We need your prayers. We need your support. We need your love." Fr. James Oyet Latansio, South Sudan Council of Churches.

Trócaire's Lenten campaign for 2021 tells the stories of two families in South Sudan whose lives have been impacted by conflict. Awut and Ajak are shining examples of resilience, friendship and solidarity. This Lent we hear not only about the enormous challenges they have faced, but also about how they support each other through these challenges.

This past year has brought many challenges to parishes and communities around Ireland, and the impact of Covid-19 continues to be felt by many. We are continually humbled by and grateful for the generosity shown by you and your parishioners. Now more than ever, families like Awut and Ajak's need our compassion and our support as they continue to carry their immense burdens with dignity.

This year, the Lent campaign is part of UK Aid Match, meaning public donations given between 17 February 2021 and 16 May 2021 will be doubled by the UK government, up to £2m. Furthermore, if a donor signs up for a monthly gift, or increases their monthly gift, before the 16th of May 2021, up to three of their instalments will be matched! We will be able to support thousands of people in South Sudan to grow enough food to feed their families. Don't forget that donations will only be matched up until the 16th May. We are awaiting the arrival of Trócaire boxes and will be looking at methods to distribute these in line with the pandemic restrictions.

PARISH OF DROMORE

Rev Feidhlimidh Magennis Tel: 07702665123

Parish website: www.stcolmans.org

Facebook: 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

Diocesan Safeguarding Officer: Patricia Carville 07789 917741

Feasts of the Week

Monday – St Josephine Bakhita



Josephine Bakhita was born near Jebel Agilere in South Darfur (Sudan). Kidnapped when still very young, she experienced the cruelty of slavery as she was sold several times in slave markets of Africa. Finally she was rescued by an Italian family and brought to Italy where she not only became a Christian but also felt the call to consecrate

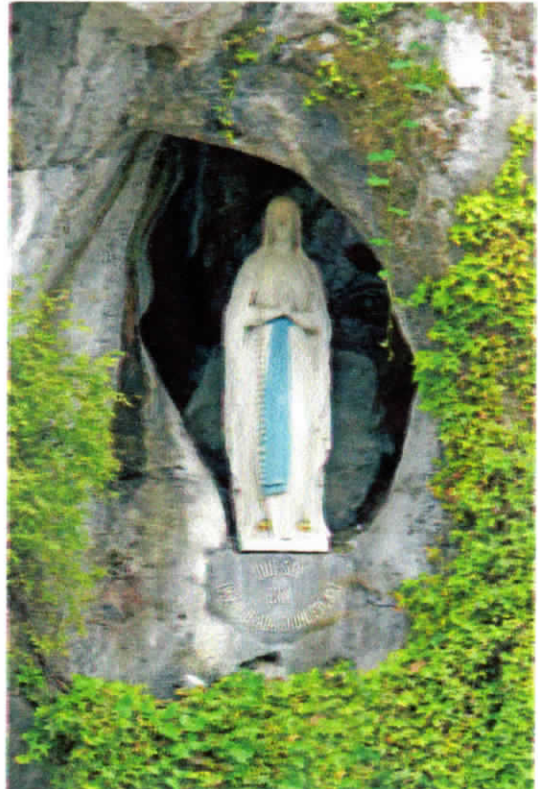
her life to God as a sister. She joined the Canossian Daughters of Charity and lived the rest of her life at Schio, a small village near Vicenza. She died on 8 February, 1947.

Wednesday – St Scholastica



She was born in Nursia in about 480, the twin sister of St Benedict. She was dedicated to God from an early age and followed her brother to Cassino, where she died in about 547.

Thursday – Our Lady of Lourdes



In 1858 the immaculate Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette Soubirous, near Lourdes in France, in the cavern called "de Massabielle." Through this poor, fourteen-year-old girl, Mary calls on sinners to change their lives. She has inspired in the Church a great love of prayer and good works, especially in the service of the poor and the sick.