

PARISH OF DROMORE

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Broadcast Masses on Facebook

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 weekday masses.

Ash Wednesday – mass will be broadcast from St Colman's Dromore at 9.30. There will be no distribution of ashes but instead a blessing of your Lenten symbols (see notes opposite).

Thursday – mass will be broadcast from All Saint's Ballela at 7.00 pm

Friday – mass will be broadcast from St Colman's Dromore at 9.30 am

Ballela Anniversaries

Sun 14: John McAnarney

John Fegan

Sun 21: Deceased members of The Bingham family

Brendan McAleenan

Dromore Anniversaries

Sun 14: Geraldine O'Loughlin

Sun 21: None

Offertory promise collection £200.00

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.

14th February 2021

Ash Wednesday

Traditionally we have the sign of the cross marked on our foreheads with ashes. This year that is not possible. However, it may be helpful to have some tangible sign of a purple or black cross for Ash Wednesday.

You could use purple or black ribbon or card or card and form it into a small cross and wear it on Ash Wednesday. Alternatively, you could just draw a purple or black cross and get the children to colour it in and place it in your prayer space for the day.

You could ask everyone in the family to wear something purple or black and use this as a way of explaining that this is a serious time where we remember important events in the life of Jesus.

Have everyone in the family write down one thing that they promise to try to do during Lent... give up sweets, take up saying a prayer each day, etc.

You might also consider making a purple symbol or cross that can be worn during the rest of Lent.



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Resources and Ideas for Lent

In the same way that decorating for Christmas and Easter helps us to remember what we're celebrating, adding items to our home that remind us of our Lenten journey helps us focus on what Lent is about.

Consider setting up a **prayer space in your home** – perhaps in the kitchen or another prominent place. Consider engaging the children in setting this up as this is a good way to get across what Lent is all about. This will prompt you to think and pray about Lent each day. In the prayer space you could include:

- **A purple cloth or scarf.** Purple is the liturgical colour used by the church during Lent and it reminds us that this is a time of prayer, fasting and doing good deeds for others
- **A candle – real or battery.** This reminds us that Jesus is present with us as we pray during Lent.
- **A bowl or vase containing sand.** This reminds us that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert during his life
- **A Bible or Prayer Book.** This reminds us that during Lent we are trying to get to know Jesus better and we will read about him in the Scriptures. If you don't have a Bible then use the children's religion book instead. They will make the link that this is a special book.
- **A crucifix or cross.** This will help us to focus on the death of Jesus which we will remember during Holy Week at the end of Lent.
- **As Lent progresses you can add palms closer to Palm Sunday.** Remember be creative – use whatever you think will help keep your family focused on Lent this year.

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.