

PARISH OF DROMORE

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Second Sunday of Lent

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.

Weekday masses will be broadcast on:

Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 9.30 am

Thursday at 7.00 pm

Ballela Anniversaries

Sun 28: None

Sun 7: Hugh Doyle (Months mind)

Edward & Elizabeth McGrath

Dromore Anniversaries

Sun 28: William, Margaret & Sean Gribben

Joe & Annie Mulgrew

Sun 7: Kathleen Aherne

Mary Verhoeven & Bernadette Bradley

Offertory promise collection £440.00

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.

Blood Transfusion Service

Dromore Baptist Church on Wed 3rd March

1.00 – 4.00 pm and 5.00 – 7.30 pm

To comply with social distancing requirements, you need to book a slot in advance by calling:

08085 534653. Please note change of venue.

28th February 2021

Update on the Lockdown

In the light of the Executive's extension of the current restrictions, and on the basis of the continued and unequivocal public health message that people should continue to **stay at home**, the Northern Bishops have agreed that the celebration of the Eucharist and other liturgies should continue, for the time being, to take place without the physical presence of the faithful. Marriage, funeral, baptismal liturgies, and drive-in services may continue (subject to strict safety guidelines and regulations) with arrangements being made for live-streaming, where possible.

The next NI Executive review of lockdown provisions will be taking place on Thursday 18th March. The Northern Bishops have agreed to further assess the situation immediately after that date in the cautious expectation that, **from Friday 26th March onwards, and in preparation for Holy Week**, the faithful may safely gather once more for the celebration of Mass, with all necessary risk assessments having taken place and with all necessary precautions and mitigations in place.

Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2021

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.

The Trócaire boxes have arrived. Please contact the parish office to request the delivery of a box to your home.

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.

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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.