

PARISH OF DROMORE

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Third 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 7: Hugh Doyle (Months mind)

Mary Magee

Sun 14: Patrick, Mary Rose, Willie, Mary

& Patrick Jnr Doyle

Dromore Anniversaries

Sun 7: Kathleen Aherne

Mary Verhoeven & Bernadette Bradley

Sun 14: Laurence McDonald

Joy & Arthur Brooker

Offertory promise collection £143.50

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.

DROMORE DIOCESAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Monday 15th March 2021: @7:30pm The Society will host an online lecture by **Michael McKernan** entitled "**Where did St Patrick come from?**"

Access to the event will be available from 7:20pm with a start at 7:30pm sharp.

A link to the talk can be obtained by e-mailing the Hon Secretary goss.jjm@gmail.com and will be forwarded on Monday 15th March

7th March 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.

The 2021 Census

The 2021 Census takes place on **21 March 2021** and is coordinated by the NI Statistics & Research Agency (NISRA). The census happens only once every ten years and provides a picture of all the people and households in Northern Ireland. All households in Northern Ireland will receive a census pack with details on how to complete.

The pack will contain an access code for completing online or details on how to request a paper form. Your answers are important and completely confidential. Your personal data will never be shared. As soon as you receive your pack you can complete your census.

If you don't receive a pack, have lost your access code or have any questions call the contact centre for free on **0800 328 2021** or visit the website at www.census.gov.uk/ni. Here you can find out about the support available to help you complete including guidance in Braille, Easy Read, British and Irish Sign Language and large print questionnaires.

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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.