

## PARISH OF DROMORE

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### Fourth 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](https://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

**St Patrick's Day** – mass broadcast at 9.30 am

#### Ballela Anniversaries

**Sun 14:** Patrick, Mary Rose, Willie, Mary & Patrick Jnr Doyle

**Sun 21:** Jimmy Devlin

#### Dromore Anniversaries

**Sun 14:** Laurence McDonald

Joy & Arthur Brooker

**Wed 17:** Patrick McGreevy

**Sun 21:** Philomena Walker

#### Offertory promise collection £

#### 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](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.ijm@gmail.com](mailto:goss.ijm@gmail.com) and will be forwarded on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March

### 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021

#### One Year On

It was one year ago, in the week of St Patrick's Day, that we began lockdown to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus. We have mourned the deaths of many loved ones; we have suffered with those who have fallen ill; we have made many sacrifices. But we have acted together for the Common Good of all our society, here and across the world. It has been a long Lenten season, and it is not over yet – but we approach Easter with hope and confidence. We have changed our ways to contribute to a better tomorrow as commanded by the Risen Lord and we continue to walk our Calvary to become the Easter people.

Once again, we ask for God's help, not to throw all away by relaxing our guard over the coming days and weeks, but to participate in the vaccination and to continue to stay safe by following social distancing regulations. In this way we hold the cautious expectation that, **from Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March onwards, and in preparation for Holy Week**, we may safely gather once more for the celebration of Easter.

#### Week of Prayer to St Joseph (13-19 March)

You are invited to join the Week of Prayer leading up to the Feast of St Joseph (19 March). Five years ago, Pope Francis published *Amoris Laetitia (On the Joy of Love)*, his reflections on family life and on the Feast of Joseph, husband of Mary, the Pope will launch a year dedicated to family life in preparation for the Tenth World Meeting of Families in Rome, June 2022. Join us on our Facebook page next week.

#### The 2021 Census

The 2021 Census takes place on **21 March 2021**. 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](http://www.census.gov.uk/ni).

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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.