

PARISH OF DROMORE

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Palm Sunday

All Masses and ceremonies are broadcast live on Facebook (www.facebook.com/stcolmans)

Ballela Anniversaries

Sun 28: Edward & Elizabeth McGrath
Patrick & Jacqueline McCusker

Sun 4: The Cunningham Family, Knockgorm
Desmond O'Rourke

Dromore Anniversaries

Sun 28: Michael Byrne
Mary Mulgrew

Sun 4: None

Offertory promise collection £241.00

Recently baptised

Shane Henry McGivern

Holy Week 28th March – 4th April

Palm Sunday

9.45 am (All Saints, Ballela)

11.00 am (St Colman's, Dromore)

Monday of Holy Week

Service of Perfect Contrition,
6.00 pm in St Colman's, Dromore
(in place of a communal Penitential Service)
Individual confessions available after masses during
Holy Week.

Tuesday, Wednesday of Holy Week

Mass at 9.30 am (St Colman's, Dromore)

Holy Thursday (1st April)

Mass of the Lord's Supper
6.00 pm in St Colman's, Dromore
7.00 pm in All Saint's, Ballela

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross both churches at 3.00 pm
Commemoration of the Lord's Passion - 7.00 pm in
St Colman's, Dromore

Easter

The Easter Vigil (Saturday) 10.00 pm St Colman's
Sunday 9.45 am (All Saints, Ballela)
11.00 am (St Colman's, Dromore)

28th March 2021

Towards a Cautious Re-opening

On Wednesday, the Northern Bishops announced a cautious return to public worship **from Friday 26th March**, in time for Holy Week and Easter.

In the Parish of Dromore, following a risk assessment in ensure a safe return to public celebrations, we remind parishioners:

- The Sunday Obligation continues to be suspended and you are invited to attend on another day of the week: two additional masses added.
- Parishioners are asked to follow guidance regarding seating, directions of travel and use of facilities.
- Parishioners are asked to share responsibility for maintaining a **social distance of 2 metres**.
- As the churches are indoor spaces, there will be a **limit on the numbers permitted** to attend any mass.
- Parishioners are asked to **use the hand sanitisers** on entry to the churches.
- Parishioners are asked to sign the register on entry for **tracking and tracing** purposes.
- Parishioners are strongly encouraged to **wear face masks** in the churches.
- Bulletins and missalettes cannot be reused **so please bring your copies home**.

Outdoor Stations of the Cross

A set of Stations has been erected along the boundary fence between the cemetery and St Colman's PS to enable parishioners to pray the Stations at their convenience.

Offertory Promises envelopes

Boxes are available in the church porches. Please collect and bring to other neighbours if you can.

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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.

AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY YEAR

19 March 2021 – 26 June 2022



Amoris Laetitia Family
Year 2021 - 2022

On Friday 19 March 2021, the Feast of Saint Joseph, the Church will celebrate five years since the publication of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love) on the beauty and joy of love in the family. On the same day, Pope Francis will launch the **Amoris Laetitia Family Year**, which will conclude on 26 June 2022, on the occasion of the Tenth World Meeting of Families in Rome.

Speaking about the Amoris Laetitia Family Year, Pope Francis referred to it as a special year to grow in family love and an opportunity for a renewed and creative pastoral drive to place the family at the centre of both Church and society. Pope Francis also shared his hope that every family may feel in its own home the living presence of the Holy Family of Nazareth, that it may fill our small domestic communities with sincere and generous love, a source of joy even in trials and difficulties".