

PARISH OF DROMORE

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Second Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday masses

All Saints, Ballela: 9.45 am

St Colman's, Dromore: 11.00 am

Weekday masses

Mon, Tues, Fri – 9.30 am, St Colman's, Dromore

Thurs – 7.00 pm, All Saints, Ballela

Sat – 10.00 am, St Colman's Dromore, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Ballela Anniversaries

Sun 11: James Meehan

Sun 18: none

Dromore Anniversaries

Sun 11: Alice & Breen Morgan; Patricia Wilson
Anne Prentice

Sun 18: none

Offertory promise collection £3357.90

Recently Deceased

Annie (Una) Eadie, Connollystown Rd, Dromore

DROMORE DIOCESAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Society is pleased to announce that its journal **Seanchas Dhroim Mor 2020** is on sale price £10 or £15 to include p&p. The journal includes articles on :
Dr Patrick Donnelly 1649-1719 Bishop of Dromore and "Bard of Armagh" by Thomas B. Keane
The Story of the Sisters of Mercy, Lurgan by Sr. Dr Evelyn Kenny

Columbans from the Diocese of Dromore by Fr Neil Collins

Edward Mulhern, Lord Bishop of Dromore 1916-1943 by Martin Goss

The Grinan Crosses, Clonlea Graveyard & the Mooney family by Elizabeth Hughes.

The Function of Art: The Great Depression, Papal Encyclicals, and Editorial Cartoons by Barry Sheppard.
Newry streets in the 1911 Census; (an online study in time of Covid) by Martin Goss

Please contact any of the following to purchase a copy: Fr Andrew McMahon, Banbridge: 40662136 or afmcmahon@hotmail.co.uk

Michael Keenan, Burren: 41772543

11th April 2021

Towards a Cautious Re-opening

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**.

Offertory Promises envelopes

Boxes are available in the church porches. Please collect and bring to other neighbours if you can. The new envelopes start on the 11th of April, envelopes have been reallocated so you may have a new number this year. There are also envelopes available beside the boxes for parishioners to take out a Standing order if they wish to do so this is an easy way of ensuring that your donations are made directly and regularly from your bank account to our Parish bank account. We wish to thank you for your continued support this year of our Parish.

Trócaire Collection

Please return your Trócaire donations as soon as possible so that we can claim the same amount from Govt.

Holy Water

Holy Water is available outside both churches at the front door, please bring your own bottle to fill.

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Catechesis of St Cyril of Jerusalem on Baptism

St Cyril was born shortly before Constantine became Roman emperor and ended the age of persecutions. He was ordained priest shortly before the dedication of Constantine's great basilica in Jerusalem in 335, built to enclose the sites of Calvary and the tomb of Jesus. He became bishop of Jerusalem about 350 AD and played a major role in the development of the liturgy in that basilica which has significantly influenced our celebrations of the sacraments and of Easter to this day. Each Easter, he gave special instructions to the newly baptised and below we have an extract of his teaching on baptism.

You were led down to the font of holy baptism just as Christ was taken down from the cross and placed in the tomb which is before your eyes. Each of you was asked, "Do you believe in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?" You made the profession of faith that brings salvation, you were plunged into the water, and three times you rose again. This symbolised the three days Christ spent in the tomb.

As our Saviour spent three days and three nights in the depths of the earth, so your first rising from the water represented the first day and your first immersion represented the first night. At night a man cannot see, but in the day he walks in the light. So when you were immersed in the water it was like night for you and you could not see, but when you rose again it was like coming into broad daylight. In the same instant you died and were born again; the saving water was both your tomb and your mother.

Solomon's phrase in another context is very apposite here. He spoke of *a time to give birth, and a time to die*. For you, however, it was the reverse: a time to die, and a time to be born, although in fact both events took place at the same time and your birth was simultaneous with your death.

This is something amazing and unheard of! It was not we who actually died, were buried and rose again. We only did these things symbolically, but we have been saved in actual fact. It is Christ who was

crucified, who was buried and who rose again, and all this has been attributed to us. We share in his sufferings symbolically and gain salvation in reality. What boundless love for men! Christ's undefiled hands were pierced by the nails; he suffered the pain. I experience no pain, no anguish, yet by the share that I have in his sufferings he freely grants me salvation.

Let no one imagine that baptism consists only in the forgiveness of sins and in the grace of adoption. Our baptism is not like the baptism of John, which conferred only the forgiveness of sins. We know perfectly well that baptism, besides washing away our sins and bringing us the gift of the Holy Spirit, is a symbol of the sufferings of Christ. This is why Paul exclaims: "Do you not know that when we were baptized into Christ Jesus we were, by that very action, sharing in his death? By baptism we went with him into the tomb."

AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY YEAR

19 March 2021 – 26 June 2022



Amoris Laetitia Family
Year 2021 - 2022

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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.