

# Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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*18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time*

**4<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

## Weekend Masses

**Sat** 6:00pm Dechomet & 7:30pm Leitrim

**Sun** 9:00am Gargory & 11:00am Dromara

## Weekday Masses

**Mon** 9:00am Leitrim & 7:30pm Dechomet

**Tues** 9:00am Dromara

**Wed** 7:30pm Leitrim

**Fri 7<sup>th</sup>** 7:30pm Dromara

The sick and housebound will be attended this week.

If any person wishes to be added onto the list, please let me know.

## *Recently deceased*

*Randal McDonnell, Rasharkin*

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Leitrim

**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup>** Hugh Morgan (*Legananny*)  
Eileen & James McAleenan  
Patrick O'Hare

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup>** **Terry Cunningham MM**  
Bernard & Ellen Cunningham  
Cowan Family  
Meta & Jackie Mooney

### GARGORY

**Sun 4<sup>th</sup>** Michael McGreevy

### Dromara

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup>** Kathleen, Gerard, Barney &  
Pat McNeill & Deceased  
Family Members

James McAteer

Sean McKay

David & Mary Ellen McKay

**Sun 11<sup>th</sup>** Harry McNeill

## **Diocesan Safeguarding:**

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## Collections Dromara Drumgooland

Parish £372 £874

*Thank you for continuing to support your parish.*

*We welcome into Drumgooland Parish  
Patrick Gerald John Smith*

*Congratulations to  
Niamh McCrickard and Eugene Lennon  
who were married recently*

## *Cairn Sunday Walk 4<sup>th</sup> August*

Meet at Peter Morgan's Cottage 9am,  
walk starts 9:30am - Dree Hill Rd/Slieve

Croob, return by Pass Loanan.

7 miles/11k approx. 2-2 ½ hrs.

Everyone welcome. Refreshments  
at the Cottage on return.

Donations welcome.

## *Guided tours of Newry Cathedral*

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Aug at 2.00pm**

**Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Aug at 6.45pm**

Please meet at the main door of the Cathedral.

Each tour will take approx. 90 mins.

You will hear the story of the building of Newry  
Cathedral, 1825-1829, and of the later extensions.

The history of its stained glass, marble altars,  
sculptures and magnificent mosaics will  
also be explained.

*There is no charge for these tours.*

## *Action Cancer Big Bus*

will be at Leitrim Fontenoy Club

on **Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Aug**. To book your  
appointment please quote or enter

this reference when booking: online SVK-10393  
or please ring 028 9080 3344 and press option 5.

Limited appointments available.

## *Pope Francis @ Pontifex*



*Let us pray together that political leaders  
may be at the service of their people, working  
for integral human development and the common  
good, taking caring of those who have lost their  
jobs, and giving priority to the poor.*

# Sunday Message

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

Year B • 4 August 2024 • Colour Green • Psalter Week 2



## RECEIVING A MAKEOVER

EPH 4:17,20-24

**A mainstay of reality tv is the makeover show, where participants or contestants are given a new look, a new image.**

Hair might be styled or coloured differently, enhancing the participant's look, bringing out or highlighting their best features. Many are given a new wardrobe and tips on what to wear. In some cases, seeing the before and after pics is almost like looking at a different person. The transformative effect of good makeup and hairstyle and a new wardrobe can be extraordinary.

In today's second reading, St Paul urges the Christian community at Ephesus to get a makeover. He isn't offering fashion advice or suggesting major shopping trips to Rome or Athens. Rather he is talking about a transformation of mind and spirit. He tells the Ephesus community that, as Christians, they must live a new kind of life. They are to throw away the old self and put on the new self. They are to become whole new people in Christ. He is proposing not a surface makeover but a total transformation. Each person must be reformed, transformed, made new, so as to become Godly.

Paul knew what he was talking about. His own experience on the road to Damascus changed his life completely. He threw away the old self and put on the new self. He even got a new name. Through his encounter with the risen Lord, Paul's life had been upended utterly. Our encounter with the risen Lord, the Bread of Life, must transform our lives, too, making us new people. ■

### LEARN

St Paul urges his readers not to live the aimless life of the pagans but rather to live in Christ. Putting on the new self means putting on God. It means knowing that Jesus is our Bread of Life, our food for life, who gives us everything that we need.

### DO

Think about what you are doing when you receive the bread of life in Holy Communion. Answer "Amen" enthusiastically.



### SAY

**"Lord, never let me settle for anything less than to hunger for you who are the bread of life. Amen."**

### PRAY

Pray for yourself and for Christians everywhere for a deeper faith in Jesus, our food for life.

### REFLECT

Many mornings in 1918 found Dorothy Day, a 21-year-old, radical New York reporter, stumbling home to bed, bleary-eyed and inebriated, after another night on the town. A firebrand, Dorothy had no interest in religion. Her interest was in revolution but in the half-light before dawn, as she stumbled home, she always encountered groups of people hurrying to early Mass at St Joseph's church.

Curiosity got the better of her, and sometimes she would follow them inside and watch as they began their day in prayer. While it impressed her tremendously, she wasn't ready to change her ways. In the following years, she had an affair with a reporter, got pregnant, had an abortion, then moved on to another lover, all the time working as a reporter.

In 1926, when she got pregnant again, Dorothy's new lover insisted she abort this child too, but she refused. Those early morning encounters in church had left their mark, and she had begun to read about the church and Christianity. Among the books she read was the autobiography of St

Therese of Lisieux, and so when her daughter was born, she named her Tamar Theresa. When she took her child to a Catholic church to be baptised, her lover dumped her. Soon afterwards, Dorothy herself became a Catholic.

Dorothy, the one-time political radical, now wanted to find a radical way to be a Christian and to do good. The answer came when she met a man called Peter Maurin, who shared her desire to build a new society rooted in the Gospels.

What began as a chat around a kitchen table in 1932 grew into a worldwide movement known as the Catholic Worker. Dorothy and Peter began by founding a newspaper. With her journalistic experience, she knew that a newspaper, sold at a penny a copy, would offer solidarity with the workers struggling with unemployment and harsh working conditions during the Great Depression. It would also be a way of promoting Catholic social teaching. Within two years, the paper had a circulation of 150,000.

The second part of the Catholic Worker programme grew from a belief that Houses of Hospitality should be established, where

anyone was welcome to share a meal - because the Gospel is all about hospitality. Word got around and, by 1936, hundreds were lining up at Dorothy's door every day where there was a pot of soup always on the go and volunteers ready to help. So great was the demand that soon they had to rent entire buildings to accommodate the numbers.

Dorothy was also active in the anti-war and civil rights movements. "Our manifesto," she wrote, "is the Sermon on the Mount."

Throughout the 50 years she spent ministering to the poor until her death in 1980, Dorothy Day had the deepest conviction that Christ was at the centre of it all and that only in him can genuine fulfilment be found. Through her personal encounter with Jesus all those years before, her life had changed completely. She had thrown away the old self and put on the new self. She had become a new person.

That's the challenge today's liturgy - and every liturgy - offers us, too. In the words of St Paul, we need a makeover. We must give up our old self and put on the new self that has been created in God. ■