

Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

24th November 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 7:30pm Dromara

Recently deceased



Madge McKinney, Drinn Rd, Dromara

ANNIVERSARIES

Dechomet

Sat 23rd Mary Ellen O'Hare
Mon 25th Sr Margaret McCartan
Sat 30th Olivia Fitzpatrick

Leitrim

Sat 23rd **Hugh McPolin MM**
Gerry McElroy
Mick, Mary & Michael Cassidy
& Rosemary Doherty
Sat 30th Charlie, Brigid, Jim, Jerome
& Phelim Shields

Gargory

Sun 24th James & Doreen Gribben
Sun 1st John King

Dromara

Sun 24th Seamus & Betty McEvoy
& Deceased Family Members
Fri 29th Mary McNeill
Sun 1st Barney, Cassie & Pat Cunningham
Peter & Roisin Ward

Gargory Altar Rota

Dec: Marion

Dromara Collectors

Nov: Seamus & Peter

SVP contact numbers

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Diocesan Safeguarding

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Collections Dromara Drumgooland

Parish £259 £1,046

Thank you for continuing to support your parish

St Michael's Hall Hire

Craft Fair £50

Funeral Meal £50

First Communion Preparation 23rd & 24th Nov

The children are asked to bring a leaf, a drawing of a leaf, or a card with the name(s) of a loved one who has died

We welcome into Drumgooland Parish

Fiadh Grace Lynch

The Principal & Staff of

Sacred Heart Grammar School, Newry, warmly invite Primary 7 pupils and their parents/guardian to attend their annual

OPEN EVENING

on Thurs 28th Nov 3pm - 6pm

Principal's Addresses 3pm & 4:30pm

Peter Morgan's Cottage

Sat 30th Nov Fundraising Event in King's Bar to help install & maintain a Defibrillator at the Cottage

Fri 6th Dec Christmas Music Night

Connecting the Generations!

Please join the 'Friends of St Michael's Finnis Parents Group' for **Festive Bingo** on

Sun 1st Dec at 3pm. Doors open at 2.30pm.

Good fun, refreshments and a great raffle

Please come along and show your support for the school.

Support the Benedictine Community

Buy your Christmas Gifts at the shop of Holy Cross Abbey, Rostrevor.

Candles and Soaps made by the monks, Books, and a range of different gifts.

Shop opens 9-11am & 2.30-5pm

www.benedictinemonks.co.uk

St Vincent de Paul Finnis, Dromara

Christmas Appeal 2024

An Amazon Wish List had been setup for anyone who wishes to purchase a Christmas present for a local child to receive this Christmas.

Any support no matter how small is greatly appreciated and will go directly to support local families in need of support during these difficult times. The Wish List can be found at:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1RET2PL08GHHT?ref_=wl_share

Sunday Message

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

THE WORD

Year B • 24 November 2024 • Colour: White • Psalter Week 2

THE INTERROGATION

JOHN 18:33-37



The modern fresco 'Jesus before Pilate' in the atrium of church Església de la Concepció

We have been used to the readings of Mark's Gospel up to now but for our feast day today, we turn to John's Gospel. To place today's scene into context, Jesus has been arrested and is handed over to Pilate for questioning.

At this stage of the interview, Peter has already denied Jesus three times, and this is a rather tense encounter between Pilate and Jesus. While Mark's Gospel has given us some beautiful descriptive accounts of the preaching, teaching and healing ministry of Jesus, John's Gospel focuses more on the Kingship of Jesus, or his divine nature. Jesus turns to Pilate and states that 'This kingdom is not of this world ... But my kingdom is from another place.' Pilate in turn finds no case against Jesus and doesn't see him as a political threat. This Gospel provides the basis for how we might define or describe the Kingdom in our own language. Harold A. Buetow uses the following phrase which is helpful in our own reflections: Jesus speaks of a Kingdom that was confined to no time in history such as Pilate's was, but is eternal; a Kingdom that knew no national boundaries, such as Pilate knew, but is universal; a Kingdom that wasn't to provide only convenience and protection, but holiness and grace. ■

DO

The next time you attend Mass, concentrate more fully on the Word of God (First reading, psalm, second reading and Gospel). Allow the words to affect you and take one message home with you, something that will help you in your relationship with God.



SAY

He is generous even to exhaustion; and what is most wonderful is, that He gives Himself thus entirely, not once only, but every day, if we wish it. Every fresh Communion is a new gift which Jesus Christ makes of Himself. (St. Ignatius Loyola)

LEARN

The Lord is my Shepherd; nothing shall I want
He will lead me to green pastures and give me rest
He guides me on right paths
(Psalm 23)

REFLECT

A lot of people you meet this time of year say it's their favourite time of year. LED lights, decorations and the Christmas tree form part and parcel of the celebrations that are to come. There is talk about the family gatherings that will happen and the general feeling of tenderness and friendship that becomes more evident as people gather.

When this great Feast of Christ the King is presented to us, it often signals the start of

preparations for the coming of Jesus. What does that preparation involve?

We're trying in some way to gain a glimpse of what it means to bring the Kingdom of God to this world. Today, the readings describe Christ's kingdom as one of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice, love and peace. This ideal is not something we look to the future for. This ideal is to be worked for in the present. The gospel tells us how we are to promote God's

kingdom among us. It comes whenever justice is done for the hungry, the thirsty, and the oppressed. Maybe in modern day language, we can say that the Kingdom of God is among us when we promote our care for the planet. To behave in this way is to imitate the Shepherd-King himself who is presented in our Gospels as one who rescues from situations of alienation, who feeds, gives rest, heals and makes strong. Today is a celebration of God's kingdom among us. ■