

# Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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## Third Sunday of Easter

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

### ANNIVERSARIES

#### Dechomet

**Sat 13<sup>th</sup>** Elizabeth & Patrick Hugh Doyle  
McEvoy Family

#### Leitrim

**Sat 13<sup>th</sup>** Patsy McAnulty  
**Wed 17<sup>th</sup>** Anna McAnulty  
**Sat 20<sup>th</sup>** Margaret Morgan  
Martin Brown

#### Dromara

**Sun 14<sup>th</sup>** Annie Gordon & Barbara Gordon  
**Sun 21<sup>st</sup>** Stephen O'Hare  
John & Margaret Lundy (*Dree*)

#### Gargory

Memorial Mass for Benny Brown, Canada, formerly Ballymaginthy, will be held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Apr at 2pm in Gargory

**Dromara New Cemetery** will be blessed by **Archbishop Eamon Martin** on **Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Apr** at 10:45am. Please gather in the new cemetery (*weather permitting*).

Mass will be celebrated in the church at 11am.

The work on the new cemetery was undertaken by Moybrick Construction. Total cost £105,855.

### *Cemetery Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May*

#### **Leitrim Community Playgroup**

*Cash for Clothes* we can accept good quality clean clothes, paired shoes, handbags, belts, curtains and bed linen. All clothing donations are greatly appreciated.

Last date for drop off is **Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr**

#### **SVP contact numbers**

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### Collections Dromara Drumgooland

Parish 31 <sup>st</sup>	£741	£1,131
Priest Easter	£777	£1,521
Parish 7 <sup>th</sup>	£535	£1,365
Priest monthly	£722	£2,162

*Figures include Mar standing orders*

*Thank you for continuing to support your parish.*

**Trócaire £2,241** returned so far. Please return your donations over the next few weeks.

### Confirmation

**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr St Mary's** 6pm in Dechomet

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Apr St Michael's** 6pm in Finnis

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Apr St Matthew's** 6pm in Leitrim

All parishioners are welcome to attend

*We welcome into Drumgooland Parish*  
*Eabha Rose Moorehead*

**Gargory New Car Park** This work was undertaken by John T Fitzpatrick & Co.  
Total cost £14,974

**Dromara Cancer Research** *Songs of Praise* evening **Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Apr** at 7:30pm in 2<sup>nd</sup> Dromara Church. Choir members are from the local churches. Come along and enjoy the beautiful sounds!! Light supper. Donations to Cancer Research will be most welcome on the night.

**Fundraising Coffee Morning** in aid of *Air Ambulance*, organised by the Morgan family, Legananny, in Liatroim Fontenoys Clubrooms

**Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Apr** 10am until 12 noon.

Everyone welcome!

#### **Peter Morgan's Cottage**

Music Sessions continues **Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Apr** at 7:30 pm. Great music song and stories. Come and join us, participation welcomed. Light supper. Everyone welcome!

**Dromara GAC Senior Camogie team** are hosting their 4th year of the *Darkness into Light* walk on Sat 11<sup>th</sup> May at Slieve Croob.

Money raised will go to 'Samaritans of Newry'. The walk is planned to commence at 4:30am in the hope to see sunrise. Everyone welcome.

A quiz will be held in King's Bar, Finnis on **Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Apr** to help raise money for the above appeal. The quiz will commence at 8:30pm with a raffle on the night.

## JESUS APPEARS TO THE DISCIPLES

LK 24: 35-48



The disciples cannot make sense of Jesus' death. Nor can they make sense of what is going on when Jesus appears to them. When this Gospel is written, Luke writes it to strengthen the belief that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. By themselves, the disciples cannot arrive at an understanding of what is going on, they need the risen Christ to uncover the meaning of what is happening.

The two disciples of Emmaus have returned to Jerusalem to tell their story of a personal encounter with Jesus and how they recognised him at the breaking of bread. But can the assembly of the disciples make sense of all that has happened. While they are still talking and debating about all they have heard, Jesus appears among them. And like the account in John's Gospel, he prays peace upon this holy gathering. Rather than recognising Jesus, they are alarmed and frightened. They think they are seeing a ghost. They are unable to make sense of what is happening before their eyes. There are parallels here with the story of Doubting Thomas. He too struggled with the initial signs shown by the risen Jesus. Here too, the appearance of Jesus does not open the eyes of the disciples. Only the risen Christ can take the disciples from mystery to revelation, from confusion to understanding. ■

### REFLECT

The understanding of the Church today and the unique insights we have of the risen Jesus and his life and ministry are based on the unique experiences of the early disciples and the documentation of these experiences in the bible. The first disciples may have struggled initially to make sense of what was happening before their eyes. However, they did not keep their experiences to themselves. They became missionaries, spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ throughout the world. The Church is always missionary and evangelises everywhere. As this text is being written, Pope Francis is visiting the Church in Mongolia. A place where the initial seeds of the Word are growing and where the presence of Pope Francis offers hope and encouragement to all who believe. Every generation must make the message of Jesus its own and pass it on to others. We keep the message alive by giving it away. We recognise Jesus at the breaking of bread, and we show his peace and love to the world. ■

### LEARN

The source of the Church's mission is the conviction that Christ is risen and fully alive and present to the community of believing Christians.' (Archbishop John Nienstedt)

### SAY

**'Give something, however small, to one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could.'**

(Saint Gregory of Nazianzus)

### DO

How can you be of service to God's people this week? Is there a reluctance in you to volunteer for a worthy parish initiative? How can you support your fellow lay missionaries?

