

# Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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

**27<sup>th</sup> October 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

**Masses for the Feast of All Saints (1<sup>st</sup> Nov)**

**Thurs 31<sup>st</sup>** 7:30pm Dechomet & **Fri 1<sup>st</sup>** 7:30pm Dromara

## Recently deceased



*Seamus Branniff, Drumkeeragh*  
*Anne McElroy, Lenadoon*

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Dechomet

**Sat 26<sup>th</sup>** Peter Joseph Kelly (*Derryneil*)  
& Deceased Family Members  
Christy Morgan (*Derryneil*)

### Leitrim

**Sat 26<sup>th</sup>** Annie Morgan & Deceased Family Members  
**Wed 30<sup>th</sup>** Kevin Burns

Bernard J & Mary J Cunningham  
**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup>** Patsy, Jeanette & James Savage  
Alice McAnulty  
Rose McAleenan, Nicholas Duggan  
& Deceased Family Members

### Dromara

**Sun 27<sup>th</sup>** Bridget, Peter & Frank McEvoy  
Peter, Catherine, Peter & James McKenny

## Masses for the recently deceased

Masses for those who have died over the past year will be held in Nov - **Mon 4<sup>th</sup>** 7:30pm Dechomet; **Wed 6<sup>th</sup>** 7:30pm Leitrim & **Fri 8<sup>th</sup>** 7:30pm Dromara

The names of those who have died in the parish, or were buried in the parish, will be called out and a family member will bring up a candle in their memory. There will be an opportunity for others to bring up a candle in memory of a loved one. If anyone wishes to place a memory card or photo in front of the altar during November, they are welcome to do so.

November Dead Lists are available at the back of the churches. Please return them as soon as possible. All envelopes will be opened, and the lists placed in a basket before the altar. The people will be prayed for at all masses during November

## Collections Dromara Drumgooland

Parish £408 £807

*Thank you for continuing to support your parish*

**Junior Choir Practice every Tuesday 6:15-7pm.**  
New members welcome

**Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting** for all interested volunteers **Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 8pm**, Parochial House

*We welcome into Drumgooland Parish*  
*Connlan John & Ríoghnach Rose O'Hare*

The **Holy Cross Sisters** are offering young adults the opportunity to volunteer their time to work in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Information evening **Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Oct at 7.15 pm** in Newry Parish Centre, The Mall,

**Peter Morgan's Music Session** continues on **Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Nov at 7:30pm**. Great music, song and stories. Come and join us, participation welcome. Light Supper. Everyone welcome

**Accord (NI)** provides a marriage and relationship counselling service for any couple who may be experiencing difficulties or challenges in their relationship. Our professional counselling service is based on client need rather than an ability to pay and we are based in 11 locations across N. Ireland. We try to be as accessible as possible and offer both in-person and online counselling to all, regardless of faith, denomination or none. We specialise in couple counselling, including domestic violence and are also available to individuals in a couple relationship. Accord (NI) counselling can significantly improve the wellbeing of children when their parents seek our help.

Contact Accord (NI) at [info@accordni.com](mailto:info@accordni.com)  
[www.accordni.com](http://www.accordni.com) Tel: 028 9023 3002

### Gargory Altar Rota

**Nov:** Fiona & Doreen

### Dromara Collectors

**Nov:** Jimmy & John

### **SVP contact numbers:**

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### **Diocesan Safeguarding:**

Stephen Sherry 073 0124 6329

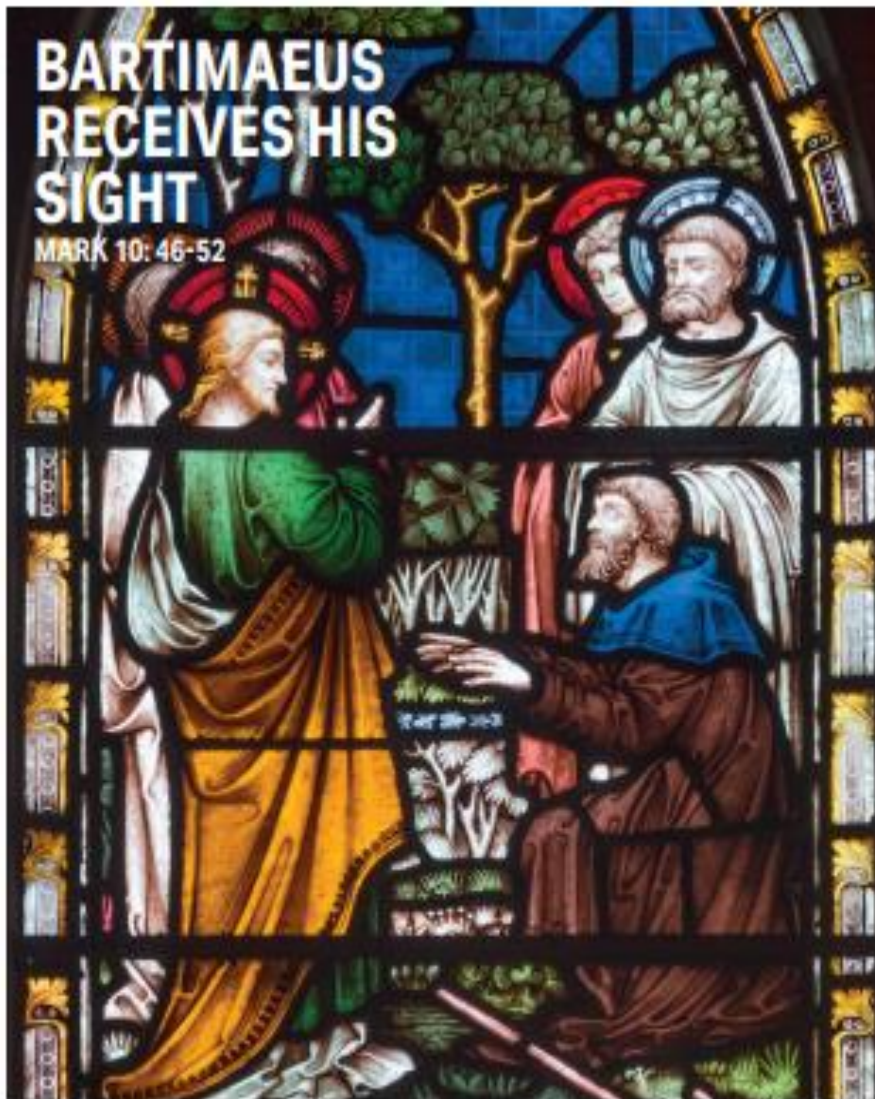
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# Sunday Message

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

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## BARTIMAEUS RECEIVES HIS SIGHT

MARK 10: 46-52

### REFLECT

Some commentators of today's reading invite us to reflect a little on our own spiritual blindness. We can be blinded by passion, ambition and unforgiveness. As Harold A. Buetow states, 'conservatives see the blind spots of liberals, liberals of conservatives; the poor see the blind spots of the middle classes. We can be blind to a lack of caring relationships with friends and peers.' Indeed the image of Bartimaeus throwing off his cloak today and following Jesus in faith and love is an image for us all to live by. He is determined not to be looked down upon anymore. He was condemned to live a life of poverty, begging on the streets of Jericho. His lot was a difficult one and despite the stigma attached to living a life as a beggar, Bartimaeus was a very persistent and determined heckler the day Jesus walked by. There was no spiritual blindness on the part of Jesus. As a matter of fact, in this encounter, the spiritual blindness of society was taken away. The cry of the poor and the cry of Bartimaeus leads us to the words of Psalm 63:7 - 'Have mercy on me, Lord, I have no strength. I am exhausted with my groaning; every night I drench my pillow with tears; I bedew my bed with weeping. My eyes waste away with grief.' As the blind mind reaches out with faith and pain in his heart, Jesus reaches out with mercy and tenderness. It is a beautiful image of how the Church must act in the world. ■

One of the wonderful aspects of being presented with Gospel passages from Mark every weekend, is that a lot of the scenes are very familiar to us.

Bartimaeus receiving his sight from Jesus, is an encounter that is often talked about in the classrooms of primary schools. It's a story packed with so much significance. Bartimaeus reaches out to Jesus in faith. Twice he uses the phrase, 'Have mercy on me.' As is often the case when a stranger from the crowd reaches out to Jesus, he is rebuked. This is a theme that appears regularly as Jesus walks through towns and villages. But why rebuke this man of faith? Why be so dismissive of a man with a disability? There is no sense to it. Jesus recognises Bartimaeus as the most important face in the crowd and tells him, 'Your faith has healed you.' The persistence of his calling of Jesus and not allowing those who would rebuke him to sideline him is what characterises Bartimaeus. He will go on to follow Jesus on the dusty roads, seeing at first hand the power of the Son of Man. ■

### LEARN

'Only the certainty that the Crucified Christ lives on as the Risen Christ, glorified by God, gives us the solution to the riddle of Jesus as a person and makes the Church possible and real.'  
(Fr. Hans Kung)



### DO

Take the opportunity this week to read about the missionary life of a lay person or religious. What inspiration can you gather from their stories?

### SAY

'Sweetest Jesus,  
Body and Blood most Holy,  
be the delight and pleasure of my soul,  
my strength and salvation in all temptations,  
my joy and peace in every trial,  
my light and guide in every word and deed,  
and my final protection in death.  
Amen'

St. Thomas Aquinas  
(The Aquinas Prayer Book)