

# Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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**31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in ordinary time**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**Sick & housebound will be attended this week**

## *Recently deceased*



*Hugh McPolin, Riverside, Leitrim*

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Leitrim

**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup>** Patsy, Jeanette & James Savage  
Alice McAnulty  
Rose McAleenan, Nicholas Duggan  
& Deceased Family Members  
**Sat 9<sup>th</sup>** Pauline Kelly, Backaderry

### Gargory

**Sun 10<sup>th</sup>** Betty McGreevy  
Felix McCartan, Joan Hartnett  
& Deceased Family Members

### Dromara

**Sun 10<sup>th</sup>** Sarah Hughes (*Finnis*)  
Rooney Family (*Castlewellan Rd*)

## **Masses for the recently deceased**

Masses for those who have died over the past year:

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup>** 7:30pm Dechomet  
**Wed 6<sup>th</sup>** 7:30pm Leitrim  
**Fri 8<sup>th</sup>** 7:30pm Dromara

## **November Dead Lists**

The names of the dead will be prayed for  
at all masses during November.

Please return your lists as soon as possible.

All envelopes are opened and the lists placed in  
the basket before the altars.

## **Diocesan Safeguarding:**

Stephen Sherry 073 0124 6329

Email: [safeguardingdirector@dromorediocese.org](mailto:safeguardingdirector@dromorediocese.org)

## **Collections Dromara Drumgooland**

Parish £470 £1,215

*Thank you for continuing to support your parish*

## **Streaming of Masses**

Thank you for the feedback.

The general feedback was the present  
system is working, if the sound could  
be improved, that would help.

The YouTube streaming will continue  
to be used.

## **St Matthew's PS**

**Sponsored Walk Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov 10am**

Laitroim Fontenoy's GAC Walking Trail

Tea/Coffee/Hot Chocolate  
& Tuck Shop available.

## **Anam Cara**

**Online Bereavement Information Evening**

for bereaved parents **Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 7pm.**

Guest Speaker will be Diane Clabby.

Email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) for Zoom link

## **Trócaire School Volunteers**

Are you a retired teacher or someone who  
has experience presenting to groups of school  
children? Do you have a passion for making  
this world a better place, especially for  
the most vulnerable?

Trócaire is looking for volunteers to support  
our 2025 Lent Appeal in the Dromore Diocese.

If you think you have the right skills and  
experience and will be available to help  
during school hours over Lent, then we  
would love to hear from you.

Full training and ongoing support will be  
provided. For more information, please call  
Naomi Purnell on 028 9080 8033 or email  
[naomi.purnell@trocaire.org](mailto:naomi.purnell@trocaire.org).

## Gargory Altar Rota

**Nov:** Fiona & Doreen

## Dromara Collectors

**Nov:** Jimmy & John

## **SVP contact numbers:**

Drom 077 3883 8191 / Drumg 078 2541 9067

# Sunday Message

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

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## THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

MARK 12: 28-34



Tablets with the ten commandments on the wall near the grave of King David in the old city of Jerusalem, Israel

It is possible to read today's Gospel with a slight criticism in our minds. Which is the most important law or rule or commandment?

You might answer that it's going to mass or reciting the Divine Mercy prayers or attending a weekly Novena to Our Lady. The Church of today tends to place these elements as it's priority and our expectation of Jesus is that he would say that worship in the Temple or keeping the sabbath day holy might be top of his list. But something interesting happens in this encounter that will go on to serve the Church well. Love of God and love of neighbour. These are the two most important commandments. Everything else will flow from this. ■

## REFLECT

As a priest working in a parish, it's lovely to see the various components of parish life coming together week after week. To witness people working together in prayer groups or team ministry must be the greatest goal of the Church. To bring about God's Kingdom here on earth or here in the community! A recent funeral of someone opened my eyes to some of the unseen charitable work people do in their lives. A lady whom I met in a nursing

home once a week for the past year died and I attended her funeral, which took place in a different parish. As I sat there on the sanctuary listening to the Eulogy and Homily, I came to learn very quickly that the lovely, quiet, gentle lady I had been saying hello to and attending mass with was in fact a nurse with vast experience of working in Calcutta, India, and then after her long career, returned to Ireland to work voluntarily in a cancer hospice,

where she cared for the sick and the dying. I always knew when I met her that she was a person of faith, a person filled with love for others. But it wasn't until her funeral mass that I learnt of a life rich in beauty. The greatest commandment of loving God and loving our neighbour is the gateway to God's Kingdom. For some people in our communities, they do so with great ease and with a gentle spirit. ■

## DO

Organise a meeting of your parish pastoral council and reflect on how your faith community responds to the needs of people on the margins of society.



## SAY

Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.

(St. Catherine of Sienna)

## LEARN

'The first question which the priest and the Levite asked was: 'If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?' But the good Samaritan reversed the question: 'If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?' (Martin Luther King Jr.)



Martin Luther King Jr. Monument in Washington DC