

Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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10th Sunday in ordinary time

9th June 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 7th 7:30pm Dromara

The sick and housebound will be attended on **10th & 11th June**

Holidays

I will be on holiday 29th Jun to 20th July this year

ANNIVERSARIES

Dechomet

Sat 8th Aisling O'Donnell & Pat Doyle
Seamus & Phylis Doyle
Kathleen & Matt Ward & Deceased
Members of Kelly & Ward Families

Leitrim

Sat 8th Kathleen Malone
Wed 12th **Alice Owens MM**
Tom & Betty Fegan

Sat 15th **Mary Teresa Rooney MM**
Bernadette Savage

Gargory

Sun 16th Noel King
Seamus Gribben

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Guided tours of Newry Cathedral

Wed 19th Jun at 6.45pm
Wed 3rd Jul at 2.00pm
Wed 24th Jul at 6.45pm
Wed 7th Aug at 2.00pm
Wed 21st Aug at 6.45pm

Each tour will take approx. 90 minutes.
Please meet at the main door of the Cathedral.

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.

Collections	Dromara	Drumgooland
Parish	£362	£692

Thank you for continuing to support your parish.

Inter-Church Service Sun 9th Jun 3pm
St Michael's, Finnis. All are welcome

Congratulations to Fr Brian Brown
who will celebrate 40 years of
ordination on Mon 10th Jun

Members of the **Viatore Christi Mission Awareness Team** (*an association of Catholic lay missionary/development workers founded in 1960*) will speak at all masses **15th & 16th Jun**

The **Sisters of St Clare** extend an invitation to women who are exploring the possibility of entering Religious Life to a '**Come and See**' day in our convent,

Sat 15th June 10-5.00 pm.

If interested, please contact Sisters of St Clare St Clare's Convent, 42 Glenvale Rd, Newry
Tel. 028 3083 2828

Father's Day 16th June

Southern Area Hospice has created a Father's Day tribute webpage dedicated to celebrating and honouring fathers.

Your dedication can include photos, stories, and messages of appreciation for the love and support fathers provide.

It's a great way to show gratitude and helps remember fathers on their special day.

For more information or to leave a dedication visit sahs.dedicationpage.org/fathersday2024

give us a call on 028 302 67711 or check our Facebook page.

Education of Priests

envelope collection 23rd June

This collection goes primarily towards the tuition and accommodation fees of students preparing for the priesthood, the permanent diaconate, and those lay faithful in theological and vocational on-going formation in the Diocese of Dromore. We currently support two students for the priesthood in Maynooth and four candidates for the permanent diaconate. Unfortunately, the collection for the education of seminarians across the diocese has in the past few years fallen far short of what is necessary to meet those costs. Please give generously.

Sunday Message

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

Year B • 9 June 2024 • Colour: Green • Psalter Week 2

FAMILY VALUES

MARK 3:20-35



In today's Gospel, Jesus goes home with his disciples and such a large crowd assembles that they could not even have a meal.

When Jesus' relatives hear that he is home, they set out to seize him, for they are convinced he has gone out of his mind. It seems that members of his own blood family do not understand him or the urgency of his preaching. They think he is crazy.

Now some scribes confront Jesus. His family thinks he is insane, but the scribes think, rather, that he is possessed by a demon. The only explanation they can come up with for Jesus' ability to expel demons is that he must be possessed by Beelzebul. In a stinging reply, Jesus asks if Satan can drive out Satan. To answer his own question, Jesus argues that a kingdom caught up in deadly internal conflict will ultimately destroy itself. The same is true with Satan. If, as the scribes suggest, Jesus has aligned himself with Satan, then the result can only be that Satan's kingdom will ultimately self-destruct. It is through God's power that Jesus drives out demons, not Satan's.

As Jesus is debating with the scribes, members of his family arrive outside the house desperate to reach him. When informed of this, notice what Jesus does. He asks, "Who are my mother and brothers?" Then he looks at those sitting around him and declares that these are his family. This new family of his disciples replaces Jesus' own blood family.

Jesus sets out the conditions for belonging to this new family – a positive response to his preaching by doing God's will, openness to the presence of God's Kingdom and a radical conversion of heart. All who respond to him in this way constitute his new family. For Mark, Jesus' blood family is outside his new family of disciples since they think he is insane. ■

LEARN

Just like Mark's community, which was the first to read the story of Jesus' mother and brothers, we are challenged to become members of Jesus' new family of disciples by doing God's will.

DO

Look around you at those gathered in church. All gathered here – no matter who they are or where they come from – are members of Jesus' family of disciples, and so are members of your family also.

REFLECT

We are all familiar with the saying, "Blood is thicker than water," and we know what it means.

Family comes first. Our blood relatives – grandparents, parents, children, sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins – are the people who are most important to us. Those who make up our immediate family tree are the ones we love and treasure above all others. Most of us would go to any lengths to protect the members of our family. Blood is thicker than water.

But, according to St Mark, we need to turn that saying around. For the Christian, water is actually thicker than blood. The water of baptism is thicker than blood. For through baptism, we become part of a new family, the body of Christ, the communion of saints. We become Jesus' sisters and brothers. We show we are part of Jesus' family by loving God and our neighbour. We show it by doing God's will. ■

PRAY

Though part of the one church, there is division and discord within our ranks. As we saw during the Synod on synodality in Rome last October, not all Catholics share the same vision or conceive of the church in the same way. Pray for greater unity in our church and between the Christian churches.

SAY

"Lord, help me to see all the baptised as my sisters and brothers. Help me to treat everyone with love and respect. Amen."

