

# Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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## *Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection*

31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

### Weekend Masses

**Sat** 6:00pm Dechomet & 7:30pm Leitrim  
**Sun** 9:00am Gargory & 11:00am Dromara

There will be no mass on  
Mon 1<sup>st</sup>, Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> nor Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

I hope to have a few quiet days, but if I am  
needed for a sick call, I will return.

There will be no bulletin on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April

### Weekday Masses

**Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Apr** 7:30pm Dromara  
**Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Apr** 9:00am Leitrim & 7:30pm Dechomet  
**Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Apr** 9:00am Dromara  
**Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Apr** 7:30pm Leitrim  
**Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Apr** 7:30pm Dromara

The sick and housebound will be attended on  
Mon 8<sup>th</sup> & Tue 9<sup>th</sup> April

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

*Recently deceased Michael Deighan,  
Mullaghbawn*

### ANNIVERSARIES

#### Dechomet

**Sun 31<sup>st</sup>** Stephen McElroy  
**Mon 8<sup>th</sup>** Patrick & Mary Doyle (*Dechomet*)  
Mary & Henry O'Hare & Deceased  
Family Members  
**Sat 13<sup>th</sup>** Elizabeth & Patrick Hugh Doyle

#### Leitrim

**Sat 6<sup>th</sup>** Agnes & John Boyd  
Brendan Boyd  
**Wed 10<sup>th</sup>** Mickey & Christopher Malone

#### Dromara

**Sun 31<sup>st</sup>** Art Gilmore  
**Sun 7<sup>th</sup>** Cissie & Gerard O'Hare (*Finnis*)  
**Fri 12<sup>th</sup>** James, Kathleen, Nancy &  
James Anthony King  
**Sun 14<sup>th</sup>** Annie Gordon & Barbara Gordon

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**Collections Dromara Drumgooland**  
Parish £711 £1,537

*Thank you for continuing to support your parish.*

**Thank You** to everyone who helped  
over the Easter Triduum. The work of  
those who clean the churches, decorate  
and prepare the altars, the choirs, readers,  
Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, collectors,  
counters, those who help in the sacristy  
and all the people who co-ordinate these  
roles, this work keeps the parishes alive.  
May God bless you for your generosity.

Please return any donations to  
**Trócaire** from 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> April onwards.

It is helpful if you change the small  
coinage but all donations will be accepted  
and passed on to Trócaire.

If making a donation by cheque,  
please make it payable to the  
*Parish of Dromara* or the  
*Parish of Drumgooland.*

If you are a tax payer, please sign the  
Gift Aid note on the envelope or box,  
this will allow Trócaire to claim an extra  
25% from the UK government.

**Dromara New Cemetery** will be  
blessed by **Archbishop Eamon Martin**  
on **Sun 21<sup>st</sup> April** at 10:45am,  
followed by mass at 11am.

**Dromara Parish Council Meeting**  
Mon 8<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm

*We welcome into Dromara Parish*  
*Norah Evelyn Rose Leemon*



**Gargory Altar Rota**  
**April** - Fiona & Doreen

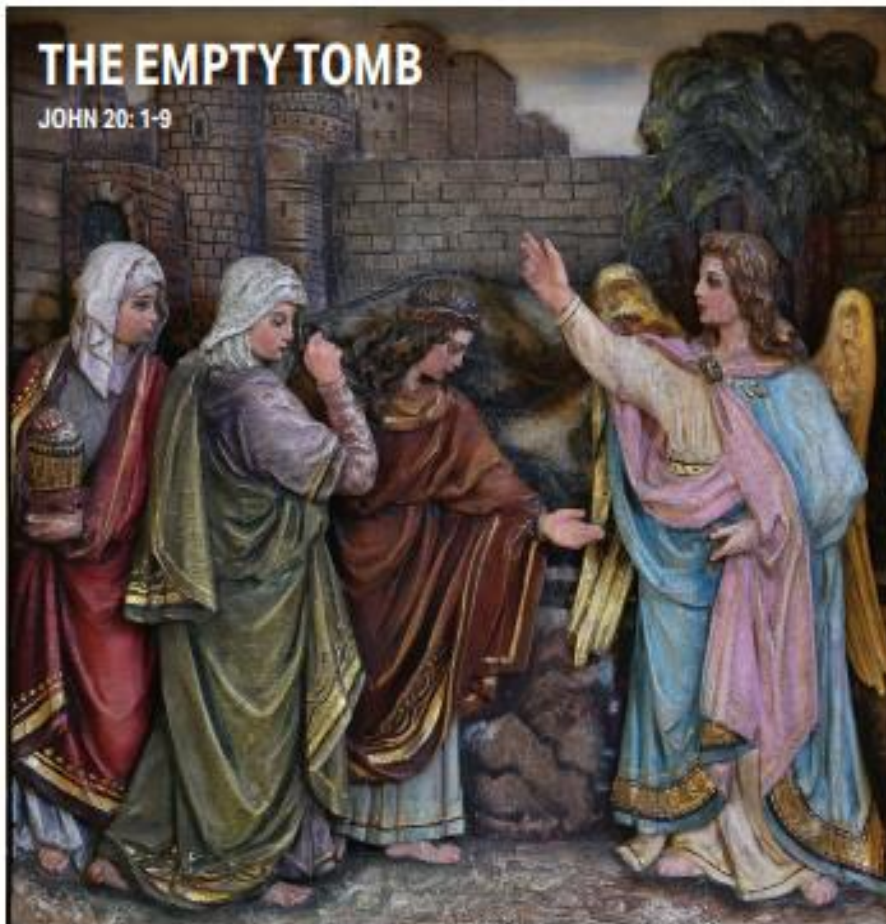
**Leitrim Cleaners**  
**April** - Patricia, Tina, Nadine & Anne

# Sunday Message

Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection

THE WORD

Year B • 31 March 2024 • Colour: White • Psalter Week 1



## THE EMPTY TOMB

JOHN 20: 1-9



### REFLECT

I think we all have experience of happy people in our lives. They're the ones who are involved in the world, indeed you might even describe yourself as a happy person! Such a person enjoys festivals of life – like birthdays, first communions, confirmations, graduations, and marriages. An involved person sees problems like poverty, racism and hunger and tries to solve them. But occasionally such a person is tempted to lose hope – perhaps feeling abandoned by others in the struggle for justice and misunderstood by even the closest friends and relatives. Suffering and violence continue to grip our world and witnessing the disfigurement of people due to war and violence breaks our hearts. The challenge of Easter today is to understand human suffering in the light of Jesus' resurrection. We must take God's part in protecting against the violence and the suffering that are accepted so readily as inevitable.

Christians see help against despair in the celebration of Easter. The resurrection of our Lord is the central mystery of our faith, our chief festival of life. It gives hope to those who've lost it. Theologian and scholar Harold A. Buetow describes it as the day on which Jesus snatched victory from the jaws of defeat, vindicated his life and teachings and confirmed our faith. It's the most exciting event in world history. It isn't only an event that happened once in the past: it's the power of God that's seen constantly in people's lives. The resurrection is a sign of God's loving interest in our world. ■

The Gospel reading tells the story of the first Easter. A mixture of excitement and confusion as Mary Magdalene discovers the empty tomb and then runs to break the news to Simon Peter and the disciple who Jesus loved.

Those closest to Jesus receive the news first and then slowly, news of this great event spreads throughout the towns and countryside. We read St. Paul's letter in the second reading encouraging us to look higher, all the way to the top, to Christ. Christians are to think of what's above, not what's on earth. We're to live where Christ is – as a parish, as a community. We're a risen community, we're an Easter people and through our baptism, we share in Christ's new life and risen life of the first Easter. ■

### LEARN

The resurrection of Jesus Christ represents the ultimate triumph over death and sin. Christians learn that death is not the end but a transition to a new and everlasting existence.

### DO

Do one thing this week that celebrates the joy of Easter. Don't let this important event pass without acknowledging its significance in our lives.

### SAY

"I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures."  
(1 Cor 15: 3-4)