

# Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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

**6<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  
**Fri** 7:30pm Dromara

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

## *Recently deceased*



*Mary Brennan, Drumaness*

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Dechomet

**Sat 5<sup>th</sup>** Bernard McElroy  
**Sat 12<sup>th</sup>** Michelle Doyle  
Matt & Kathleen Ward & Deceased  
Family Members

### Leitrim

**Sat 5<sup>th</sup>** **Nicky Duggan MM**  
Anthony Pat McEvoy  
John McCrickard  
Teresa & Stanley Wright & Deceased  
Members of O'Hare Family  
Barney & Joey McAnulty  
**Sat 12<sup>th</sup>** Rory Savage  
Patrick Joseph & Mary Theresa Morgan  
(Legananny)

### Gargory

**Sun 6<sup>th</sup>** Patrick & Kathleen McAtee  
**Sun 13<sup>th</sup>** **Oliver McEvoy MM**

### Dromara

**Sun 6<sup>th</sup>** Wesley Hunter

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## **Collections Dromara Drumgooland**

Parish £396 £1,238

*Thank you for continuing to support your parish*

## **Parish Council Meetings**

Drumgooland **Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 8pm**  
Dromara **Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 8pm**

## **Hospice Church Collection**

A door collection will be held after all Masses this weekend. Last year, the door collection raised £39,386.80, which helped fund two weeks of inpatient nursing care.

Thank you for your continued support!

## **Dromara GAC Big Breakfast**

St Michael's Hall, Finnis **Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Oct 12noon**  
Come along and support our Senior Footballers ahead of their Championship Final on 11<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Full Fry £7 Breakfast Bap £5

**Dromara Committee for Cancer Research UK**  
**Coffee Morning Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Oct, 10am to 12:30pm,**  
2nd Dromara Church Hall, Begny Hill, Dromara.  
All support would be most welcome.

## **Dromore Diocesan Historical Society**

**AGM Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 7pm,** St Peter's Hall, Lurgan. After the formal business of Reports and Election of Officers, there will be a lecture at 7:30pm by UU Lecturer, Dr Niall Comer, entitled "*Cardinal O'Fiaich and the Irish language*"  
Everyone Welcome

## **Relics of St Bernadette in Newry Cathedral** **Thur 17<sup>th</sup> Oct**

1pm Welcome & Public Veneration of relics  
7pm Mass & Anointing of the Sick  
9pm Marian Vigil of Prayer

## **Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Oct**

10:30am Mass of St Bernadette  
Public Veneration of relics: 8am-10:30am;  
11:15am-3pm; 3:45pm-7pm; 8pm-9:45pm

**Massford Project Association** is launching a **Community Survey** for feedback/ideas regarding Peter Morgan's Cottage. The Survey link can be found on Peter Morgan's Cottage Facebook page, or you can get a hard copy from any of the committee members.

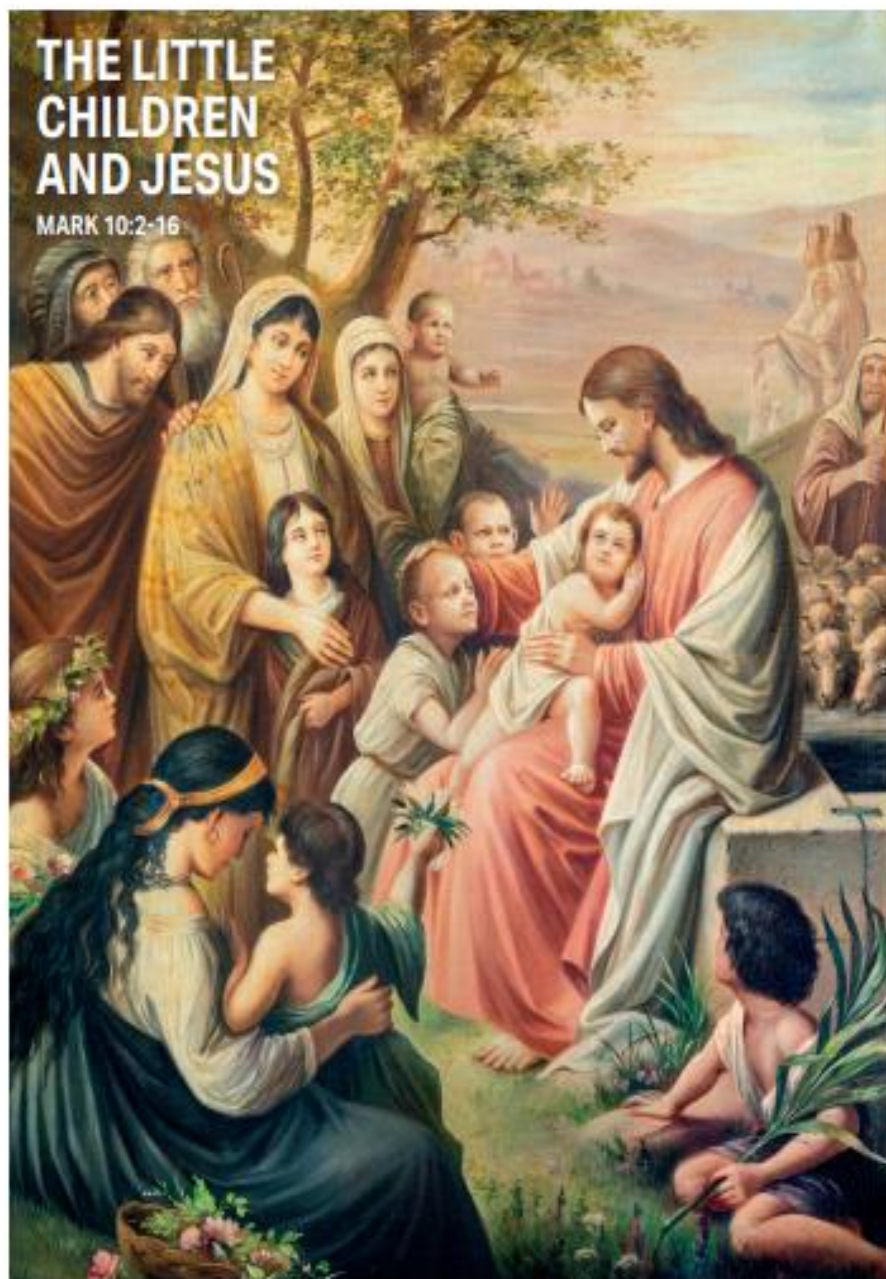
We would very much appreciate a few moments of your time to complete the survey.

# Sunday Message

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

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## THE LITTLE CHILDREN AND JESUS

MARK 10:2-16

The painting Jesus among the children in the church Santa Margherita by Böhrther (1922)

This is not the first time Mark's Gospel introduces little children into a scene involving Jesus and his disciples. We cast our minds back to a couple of week's ago and the argument that took place amongst the followers of Jesus as to who is the greatest amongst them and who should hold the greatest power or authority.

Jesus in turn places the child before them and says, when they welcome the most vulnerable and weakest of our world, they welcome Jesus. Their minds should not be focused on such trivial things as power. You would think they have learnt their lesson and yet when the little children come forward today to be close to Jesus, or as the Gospel says, 'For Jesus to place his hands on them,' look at what happens. The disciples rebuke them! If ever there was a clearer example of how difficult Jesus had it with his disciples, then this is it. Have they not learnt anything? The kindness they are to show to these little ones is the gateway into the Kingdom of God. 'Do not hinder these children, for the Kingdom belongs to such as these.' ■

### REFLECT

Within the Jewish tradition, a high rate of divorce existed despite the place marriage held in society. Marriage was the ideal, and therefore, during many discussions between rabbis, the hot topic of divorce usually came to the fore. It's indeed a topic of discussion for our own times, with various statistics from the United States and UK and Ireland indicating that the rate of divorce remains high. And the reasons for divorce are varied and it's impossible to pinpoint one single reason why so many marriages end, sometimes after a short time, sometimes after a couple have spent nearly a lifetime together. It's interesting to note in today's gospel, that very little has changed. It is often said that all divorce from other people, particularly in marriage, is sad. But constancy is difficult, and not all interpersonal relationships are able to fully reflect the ideal. Jesus is quick to point to the Jewish law on divorce and remarriage. And most of us are familiar with the Church rules on such matters. We continue to place the ideal of marriage at the heart of our church and our society. From a faith perspective, Jesus' vision of marriage is made in heaven where marriage is a sign of his union with the Church. We give thanks for the Sacrament of Marriage in our Church, and we pray for all couples preparing for their wedding day at this time. ■

### DO

Make an attempt in the coming week to articulate what the Eucharist means to you. What happens during your short time at mass that brings you back again?

### SAY

Lord Jesus Christ, nourish me with your body and blood so that I may become what I receive in showing your loving presence to the world.

### LEARN

Spread love wherever you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.

St. Teresa of Calcutta