

# Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in ordinary time**

**17<sup>th</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

## Recently deceased



**Tommy McAleenan, Ballymaginty**

## November Dead Lists

The names will be remembered at all masses in the parishes during November. There will be 30 masses offered for them. It is not essential to put money in the envelopes, all envelopes are opened. There was £1,370 in donations. Thank You.

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Leitrim

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup>** Kieran McCrickard  
Ryan Doyle  
Hugh & Rose Ann Doyle  
Patsy Quinn  
PD Cunningham  
Rita O'Hare

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup>** Patrick & Susan Rice

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>** **Hugh McPolin MM**  
Gerry McElroy  
Mick, Mary & Michael Cassidy  
& Rosemary Doherty

### Dromara

**Sun 17<sup>th</sup>** Mary McEvoy & Bridget Gorman  
**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>** Theresa McNeill  
Deceased Members of Dromara GAC  
**Sun 24<sup>th</sup>** Seamus & Betty McEvoy  
& Deceased Family Members

### Dechomet

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>** Mary Ellen O'Hare

## SVP contact numbers:

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## Collections Dromara Drumgooland

Parish £407 £921

*Thank you for continuing to support your parish*

## First Communion Preparation 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Nov

The children are asked to bring a leaf, a drawing of a leaf, or a card with the name(s) of a loved one who has died

## Coffee Morning, Craft Fair & Christmas Raffle Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 11am-2pm.

10+ Stalls selling beautiful bespoke Christmas Cribbs, Ornaments, Flower Arrangements, Jewellery, Perfumes, Handmade Soaps, Cup Cakes plus lots of other gift ideas. Proceeds in aid of St Michael's PS and D&D Lourdes Fund.

**Adoration for Vocations - the Vocations Monstrance** will be in **St Peter's, Lurgan, Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Nov.** Novena Mass 7pm, Exposition, Holy Hour, Rosary & Benediction from 7:30 to 8:30pm

**NI Blood Transfusion Service - Blood Donation Session Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 12:30pm - 7:30pm**  
The Lodge, Castlewellan  
Tel 08085 534 653 to book an appointment

## St Mary's Choir Dechomet

There will be short **Choir rehearsals** after 6pm Masses to prepare for Christmas, commencing **Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov**

**SH&SCT Service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 3pm**  
Newry Town Hall

## Peter Morgan's Cottage

**Our Community Survey is closing 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov.** We would appreciate a few moments of your time to complete the survey and share your thoughts and ideas! Click on the link on our Facebook page or contact any Committee member for assistance (Tel: 07989 688939).

## Dates for your Diary

**Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Nov Fundraising Event in King's Bar** to help install & maintain a Defibrillator at the Cottage  
**Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Music Night**  
*Connecting the Generations!*

Please join the 'Friends of St Michael's Finnis Parents Group' for **Festive Bingo** on **Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Dec at 3pm.** Doors open at 2.30pm. Good fun, refreshments and a great raffle. Please come along and show your support for the school.

# Sunday Message

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

Year B • 17 November 2024 • Colour: Green • Psalter Week 1

## SIGNS OF THE END TIMES

MARK 13: 24-32



**At the time of writing this Gospel, there is widespread persecution of the Christian community in Rome. The followers of Jesus are no doubt feeling threatened and uncertain as to how things will turn out for them.**

In order to give his audience hope for the future, the Gospel writer seeks to present Jesus' vision. While on first reading today, the presentation feels somewhat bleak and daunting, this is not language we're used to reading at mass on a Sunday. Jesus tells us there will be times of great turmoil, there will be wars and earthquakes, there will be famines. You will witness people betrayed by their peers and handed over to the authorities. The sun will be darkened, and the moon will lose its brightness. Many of Jesus' followers will identify with these words. The world around them seems to be falling apart. They will be challenged at every turn. But there must be light at the end of the tunnel. Jesus indeed sees beyond all this suffering to a place of peace with God. Jesus imagines peace beyond suffering. This vision is vital for the community who read Mark's Gospel. This vision of peace and love is vital for all of us gathered around the Gospel this weekend. ■

### SAY

**'Whenever you stand praying, forgive if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.'**

(Mark's Gospel)

### LEARN

**'For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.'**  
(St. Therese of Lisieux)

### DO

**If you're a little out of practice in your prayer life, how about taking as little as 10 minutes a day to begin a conversation with God.**



### REFLECT

**N**ext weekend, we will celebrate the feast of Christ the King. The readings will change in tone and focus over the weeks ahead and we've been brought on a wonderful journey through Mark's Gospel over the past number of months. With everything we have been through with Jesus, his healing actions, his tenderness and compassion to the stranger - isn't it interesting that we end this period of time with Mark's Gospel talking about the end of time!!! What a way for us to enter the season of Advent in a couple of weeks!! No doubt, there are certain movies that spring

to mind, where an asteroid is speeding towards earth, and only Bruce Willie or Will Smith has the power to save the planet. Talk of the end of time leaves us feeling a little anxious.

If we focus too much on the heaviness of the language in apocalyptic literature, we have missed the point. Jesus is a powerful preacher who teaches using contrasting images and forces. This is one of those occasions where we sit up and listen. Yes, there are times in our lives when the world around us seems to be caving in. There are times when the struggle to continue

with life bears heavy on the weary soul. But within the struggle and the fight, the love, mercy, and compassion of Jesus is found.

As for our spiritual growth, Mark's Gospel is not about waiting for the end. It's about how we live here and now. It's a call to live with purpose and to cherish each moment. To be active participants in God's redemptive love living lives that are rich in love, abundant in service, and overflowing with the joy that comes from knowing Him. ■