

# Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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

**15<sup>th</sup> September 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



*Oliver McEvoy, Castlewellan Rd, Gargory*  
*Rossa Kelly, Dolmen Rd, Legananny*

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Leitrim

**Sat 14<sup>th</sup>** Eddie McAleenan  
Mary Catherine & Seamus Doyle  
Mena Duggan  
**Sat 21<sup>st</sup>** Pat McClean (*Backaderry*)  
Thomas & Rose Armstrong  
& Anne Murray  
Bilbo Middleton  
John & Leo McAlerney

### Dromara

**Sun 15<sup>th</sup>** Susan Darby, Joe McCann  
& Deceased Family Members  
Pat & John Gordon  
**Fri 20<sup>th</sup>** Bell Miskelly  
Hugh Miskelly  
Mary McGrillen  
Francis McEvoy  
Jim Campbell  
**Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>** Wesley Hunter  
Hugh Pat O'Hare  
Seamus McEvoy

**Indoor Bowls** continues in St Michael's Hall on Thursday evening from 7:30pm. All existing players and anyone wanting to experience bowling are welcome to come along.

## Diocesan Safeguarding:

Stephen Sherry 073 0124 6329

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

## SVP contact numbers:

Dromara 077 3883 8191  
Drumgooland 078 2541 9067

## Collections Dromara Drumgooland

Parish	£952	£1,850
Priest	£939	£1,456

*Figures include Aug standing orders*

*Thank you for continuing to support your parish*

## Streaming of Masses

The current system on Youtube is not professional. I am aware of the poverty of the sound system. The cost of Church Services TV would be £110 per month for each church (i.e. £440 each month) for a 3-year contract. The cost after three years would reduce to streaming charges only (£70 - £80 per month). The Mass would only be available at the time unlike the present system. Please let me know your thoughts on this subject.

*We welcome into Dromara Parish*  
*Aoife Anne Flanagan*

*Congratulations to Karen Malone and David Brennan who were married recently*

**Peter Morgan's Cottage** urgently require a **volunteer** to help with social media/facebook and promoting our activities and facilities.

**The 'Friends of St Michael's, Finnis PS'** are excited to host a **Family Fun Day and Colour Run** at Dromara GAC on **Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Sept**. Registration at 10:30am & Colour Run at 11am.

Please bring a **WHITE T-Shirt!**

We would encourage family and friends of all ages and abilities to come along and enjoy the fun and laughter.

**SMA Novena** in honour of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, **Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept to Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Oct** Daily Mass & Novena Prayers, 10am & 7.30pm SMA Chapel, Dromantine. All Welcome.

*Also, via webcam ([www.sma.ie](http://www.sma.ie))*

## Dromara GAC - Save the Date

Club Dinner Dance & Awards Night  
**Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Nov**, Burrendale Hotel, Newcastle.  
More details to follow.

## Pilgrimage for Parents to Knock Shrine

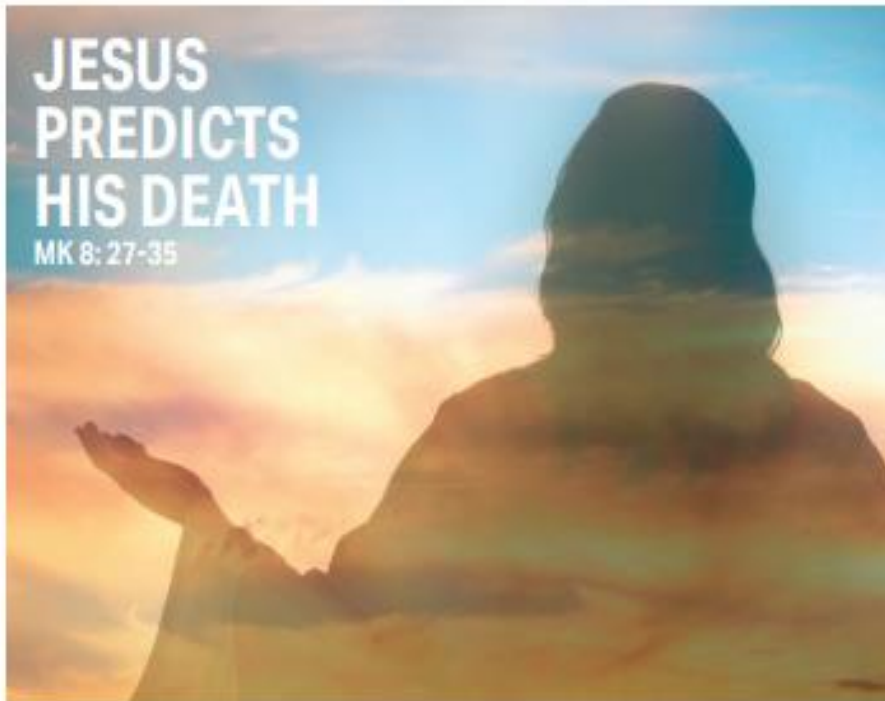
**Sat 7<sup>th</sup> to Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Dec** bus leaving Newry, pick-ups at St Teresa's, Banbridge & St Paul's, Lurgan. Cost £145. Contact Frances on 028 30833898 or at: [youthdirector@dromorediocese.org](mailto:youthdirector@dromorediocese.org)

# Sunday Message

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

Year B • 15 September 2024 • Colour: Green • Psalter Week 4



## JESUS PREDICTS HIS DEATH

MK 8: 27-35

Intimacy forms part of many interactions and scenes between Jesus and his disciples. Today something is being shared that will only be fully appreciated and fully known at the hour of Jesus' death.

Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God. At one level, Jesus does not want this known publicly. The reason of course is the meaning of the word Messiah in his society suggests a figure who will accomplish victory of Israel's oppressors through military force. This is not why Jesus has come into the world. At another level, it will be very difficult to keep his identity hidden for much longer. He heals the sick, he speaks of God the Father as loving and compassionate. He speaks of his own future that will involve rejection, suffering and being put to death. This is not the language or information that Peter is expecting as he refuses to believe that the future of the Messiah will involve death and suffering. However, the great learning moment for the Church and these eager disciples, is that God is no stranger to suffering, and he will allow himself through his Son to be crucified on a cross. ■

### DO

This week, let us renew our commitment to the gifts of the Holy Spirit by becoming aware of how we live out these gifts in our home, our workplace and our community.

### SAY

"Lord you have made us for yourself, therefore our hearts are restless until they rest in you."  
(Saint Augustine)

### LEARN

We read about the gifts of the Holy Spirit as part of our preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The gifts are: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord (Is 11: 2-3).



### REFLECT

When you witness a ceremony like confirmation or holy communion or baptism, you can't help but feel that our faith and belief in God is something that develops ... like building blocks, over time and over the course of our lives. The baby is introduced to the Church with the life-giving water of baptism, the 8-year-old is introduced to the bread of life, the 12 year old is confirmed in their faith by anointing them with the oil of chrism.

And then we move into adult hood, and through life experience, through our own prayer, through parenthood, we see our

faith as being practically important in our day to day lives. We quietly say a prayer when we get a minute or two in our busy day, we speak to God of our concern for our children perhaps, we ask God to continue to watch over our family members and keep them safe. So like building blocks, our faith develops over time and our prayer lives develop over time.

This is mirrored back to us in the Gospels. When we look at the small group of disciples Jesus gathered around him, their faith in God and the Son of God developed over time. The light switch moment was

probably meeting the risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus, but for the most part, they were often filled with doubt and questions. Except today, Peter gives the best response to the question, 'Who do people say that I am?' 'You are the Christ,' he answers.

We gather around the Gospel this weekend as people of faith. Sometimes our faith is very strong and sometimes our faith is weak. Like the disciples, we continue to listen to God's word and allow it to take root in our lives. May the presence of the living Christ encourage us and give us hope in our lives. ■