

# Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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## *Pentecost Sunday*

19<sup>th</sup> May 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* *Mary Teresa Rooney*

### ANNIVERSARIES

#### Leitrim

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup>** Jim McNulty & Deceased Family  
Members (*Backaderry*)  
Owen, Philomena, Janet  
& Christopher Rice  
Nora McEvoy  
Annie, Thomas, Patrick  
& Sean Cunningham  
Joe & Agnes McEvoy

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup>** Catherine Love

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup>** Denis, Roseann & Michael O'Prey  
& Annie Moorehead

#### Dromara

**Sun 19<sup>th</sup>** John & Mary Drake  
Pat, Margaret & Martin O'Hare

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup>** Barney & Kathleen O'Hare  
Owen, Agnes & Pat Kelly  
Janine Hogg  
Philomena Keenan  
James & Mary McKay (*Levalleyreagh*)  
Nuala Davies

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup>** Rosey Williams  
Maureen & Hugh McCann  
Seamus & Cecilia McCullough  
Michael Reavey

#### Dechomet

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup>** Susan Greeran

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### **SVP contact numbers**

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**Collections Dromara Drumgooland**  
Parish £ 737 £1,017

*Thank you for continuing to support your parish.*

*We welcome* into Drumgooland Parish  
*Leo Patrick Cunningham*  
and into Dromara Parish  
*Oisín Patrick McKay*

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

Gargory after 9am mass

Dromara 12 noon

Leitrim 3pm

Dechomet 5pm

The day works well due to the many volunteers who help with parking of cars; collectors; readers, etc. If you can help in any way, please step forward. Parking for the less abled will be reserved as follows:  
Finnis and Leitrim - church car parks  
Dechomet - front of the church (Closkelt Road).

Leitrim - for those who are less abled and wish to park in the car park, please be there, by 2:45pm to ensure that you get parked.

There is plenty of space around the Parochial House, on the tarmac and on the grass, please use it, but leave the exits free.

Please co-operate with those who are, generous enough to assist with the parking.

Please do not park in a way that blocks, a private entrance.

A collection will be taken up at each of the services towards the cost of maintaining the cemeteries. Thank you to all who tidy up! in the cemeteries. Please use the bins and skips provided or take the refuse home.

Please do not put plastic wrapping, oasis, or plastic boxes in the brown bins.

### **PETER MORGAN'S COTTAGE**

Next Music Session FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> May @ 7 30pm.

Last music session before the Summer break.

Come and enjoy a great variety of music, song and stories. Participation welcomed. Always delighted to see new faces. Light supper.

### **Retreat**

I will be on retreat this year from  
Tues 28<sup>th</sup> May (evening) until Thur 6<sup>th</sup> June.

# Sunday Message

PENTECOST SUNDAY

THE WORD

Year B • 19 May 2024 • Colour: Red • Psalter Week 3



**'RECEIVE  
THE HOLY  
SPIRIT'**

JN 20:19-23

## REFLECT

Today's readings from the Acts of the Apostles and John's Gospel offer a startling contrast in how the coming of the Holy Spirit was experienced by two writers. Firstly, Luke's account presents us with the power of the Spirit with the house shaking and a violent wind coming in to fill the whole space. Not only this, but the disciples experience the gift of tongues, and a crowd gather in bewilderment as they hear their own languages being spoken. John's account however is gentler and more restrained with Jesus recognising the frightened disciples and comforting them with demonstrations of his hands and side. The Spirit of Pentecost then is portrayed as powerful and gentle, the one we call to our aid when times are difficult and the Spirit who comes into our lives to transform and even heal.

Pope Benedict XVI offers this explanation: "This Solemnity makes us remember and relive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and the other disciples gathered in prayer with the Virgin Mary in the Upper Room. Jesus, risen and ascended into Heaven, sent his Spirit to the Church so that every Christian might participate in his own divine life and become his valid witness in the world. The Holy Spirit ... opens hearts to hope and stimulates and fosters in us an interior maturity in our relationship with God and with our neighbour." ■

Today, we enter into a Gospel story framed by fear and unknowing. Not only has word reached the disciples surrounding the empty tomb and the disappearance of the body of Jesus, but Mary Magdalene has brought to them news of a risen Jesus.

They sit in a room wondering what kind of future lies ahead of them and without warning, Jesus appears to them with the tenderness of a loving parent. 'Peace be with you', he says, words that are familiar to us during our mass. Turning to our neighbour and offering a sign of peace is a tender moment in our celebration of the Eucharist. But the tenderness of Jesus in this gospel is borne out of consideration for his disciples. They need him now more than ever. They are alone in the world without their spiritual father to lead them. So Jesus does something that will become one of the most powerful images in our Gospels. He breathes on them. It's a hugely symbolic act. Remember, he breathed his last when he died on the cross. But John's Gospel tells us that his breath continues to live on even after his death. This breath is in fact the power of Jesus being handed over to the disciples so that they may find courage in times of despair, healing in times of sickness and compassion in times of weakness. This is the work of the Holy Spirit and the disciples will go forward from this encounter to proclaim the life and power of the Holy Spirit to the people of God. ■



## 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. Practice these gifts with the same tenderness shown by Jesus in today's gospel.

## LEARN

As children making our confirmation, we read about the gifts of the Holy Spirit as part of our sacramental preparation. The gifts are: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord (Is 11: 2-3).

## SAY

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