

Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

5th 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

John King, Finnís, Dromara

Therese Shahmohammadi

ANNIVERSARIES

Leitrim

Sat 4th Margaret & Teresa Murphy
Theresa & Charles O'Higgins
John Donnelly
Josie & Tommy Bannon
Esther & James O'Rourke
Sat 11th John Murphy

Dechomet

Mon 6th Arthur & Mary Burns
Sat 11th James & Mary Catherine Doyle (*Closkelt*)

Gargory

Sun 12th Owens Family (*Ballymaginthy*)

Cemetery Sunday 26th May

Gargory after 9 am mass

Finnís 12 noon

Leitrim 3 pm

Dechomet 5 pm

This day depends on the goodwill and co-operation of many people, if you wish to help in any way, please step forward

Diocesan Safeguarding: Stephen Sherry 073 0124 6329

Email: safeguardingdirector@dromorediocese.org

SVP contact numbers

Dromara 077 3883 8191/Drumgooland 078 2541 9067

Collections Dromara Drumgooland
Parish £384 £861

Thank you for continuing to support your parish.

The option of expressing a **sign of peace** will be re-instated at mass in May

Sick and housebound will be attended this week

First Holy Communion

St Matthew's **Sat 11th May** 10am Gargory

St Mary's **Sat 11th May** 12noon Dechomet

St Michael's **Sat 18th May** 11am Finnís

Drumgooland Parish Council
Meeting **Mon 13th May** 8pm

Retreat

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

Lough Derg Pilgrimage Season

be a Pilgrim of Hope

Three Day Retreats begin 31st May

Full details: www.loughderg.org

Contact: emailinfo@loughderg.org

Tel: 00353 071 98 61518

St Joseph's Young Priests' Society

Ballynahinch,

One Day Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Sat 22nd Jun.

Cost £40, which includes coach transfer from Ballynahinch, and evening meal.

Pick up point Castlewellan.

Contact Geraldine 07535585352

Leitrim Cleaners May - Anne, Joanne & Jeanette

Gargory Altar Rota May - Marion

Bulletin online

There has been a difficulty with the internet in the parochial house, this has prevented uploading the bulletin on the website recently. Hopefully this will be resolved soon.

Sunday Message

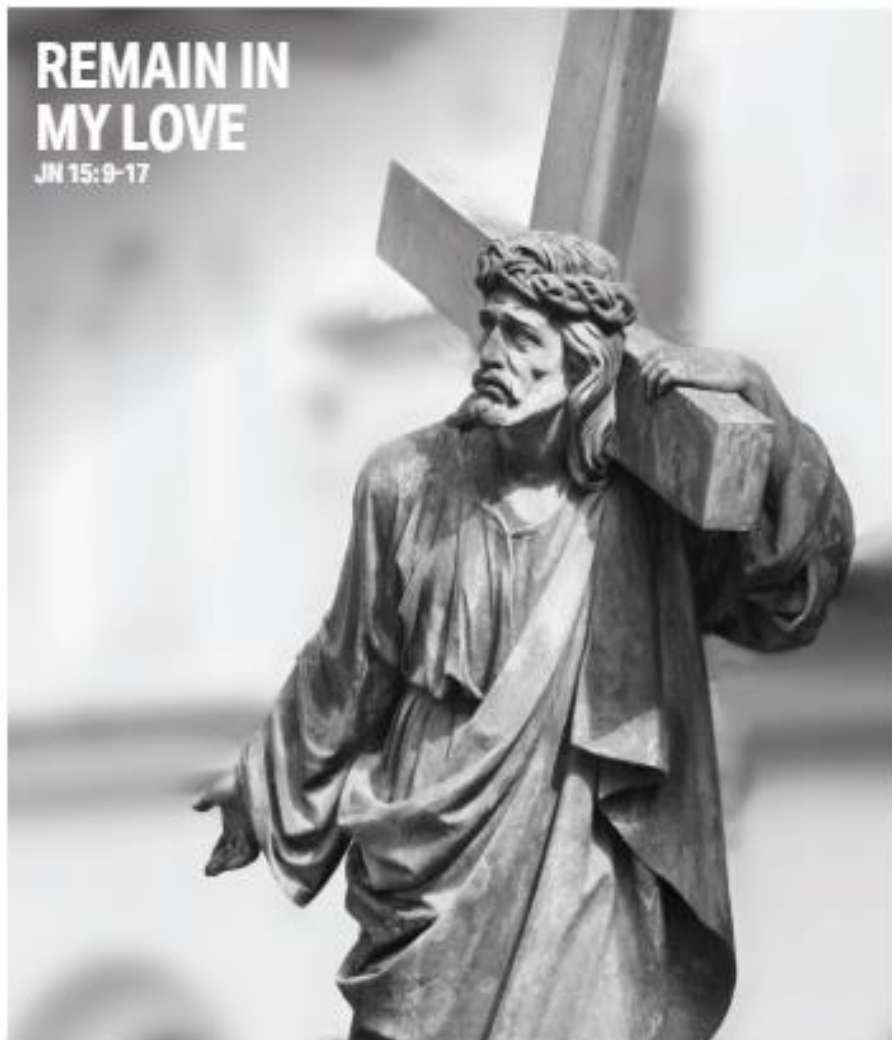
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE WORD

Year B • 5 May 2024 • Colour: White • Psalter Week 2

REMAIN IN MY LOVE

JN 15: 9-17



We are now in the heart of the Easter Season. John's Gospel presents us with a world, where the Risen Christ continues to have an impact on the lives of his followers.

A series of speeches from Jesus, with powerful sentiments, are designed to ground the disciples and the early Church in one of the most fundamental aspects of his teaching. God's love for all of humanity. When John talks about the love of God, he is clear what he means: 'This is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us.' The same message appears in the Gospel: 'You did not choose me, no, I chose you.' God has made an everlasting decision to love us. God's love is first, God has opted for us, declared his choice, taken us on. It is a decisive movement of love that began with the Father, 'As the father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love.' So here lies the task before us believers. Allowing God's love to come into our lives, to feel it, to recognise it, to believe it. These are the first steps. But now comes the challenge. We are to remain in God's love. This will mean that we too must make a choice. We choose to believe that for some reason, God has seen fit to embrace humanity, with all its shortcomings. We remain in his love. Jesus shows that he could have no greater love than to lay down his life for the sake of others. That the powerful message of Easter. ■

DO

Organise a meeting of your parish pastoral council and reflect on how your faith community responds to the needs of people on the margins of society.



REFLECT

A story is told of a brilliant surgeon. It was his first time that a particular brain operation had been carried out in the country. It was performed upon a young man of great promise. It was an operation of the greatest delicacy in which a small error would have had fatal consequences. In the outcome, the operation was a triumph. But it involved several hours of intense and uninterrupted concentration on the part of the surgeon. When it was over, a nurse had to take him by the hand, and lead him from the operating theatre like a blind man or a little child.

That kind of self-giving and concentration on the needs of another reflects something of the quality of God's love in Jesus. This kind of love is sometimes beyond our comprehension. Jesus hopes that we will choose to keep on giving of ourselves in love, even when the giving hurts, even when we feel that we have nothing else to give. But it's that kind of love that mirrors God's kind of love. He loves us beyond all telling.

Some might say that this is the message we find the hardest to believe. That despite all my shortcomings and failings, there is a love that comes from God, that is unrelenting in its power. We receive this gift freely. As Jesus says, 'You did not choose me, no, I chose you.' ■

LEARN

'The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth in our faith in Christ, a faith believed and lived as the central truth by the first Christian Community.' (Catechism 638)



SAY

'For God loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him, shall not perish, but have eternal life.' (Jn 3:16)