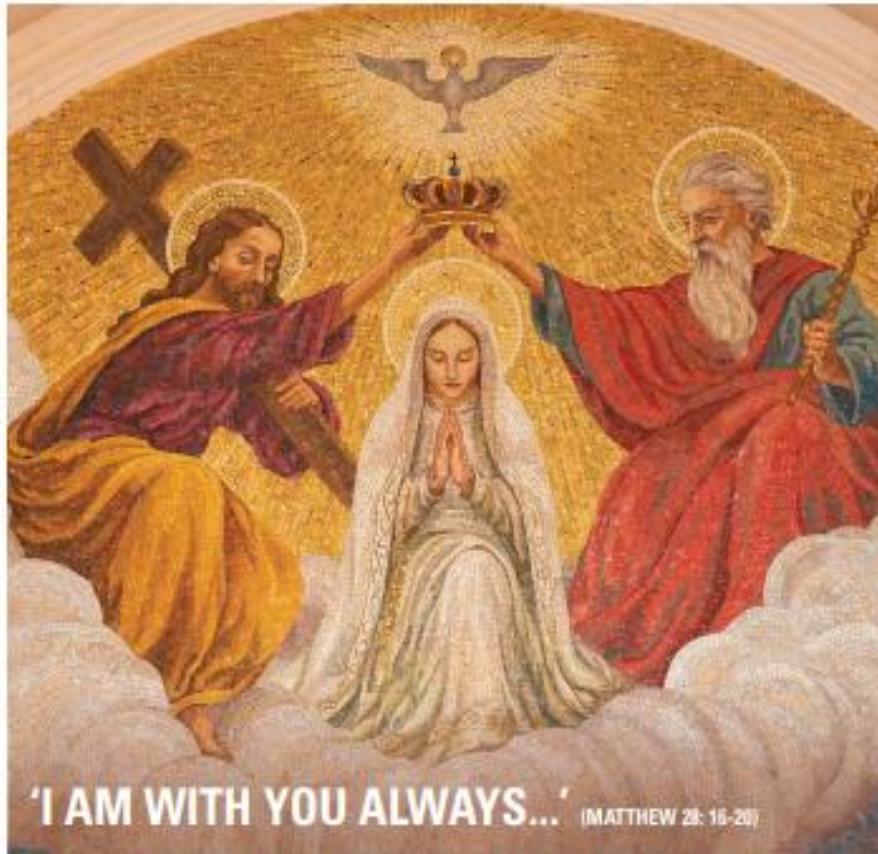


Sunday Message

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

THE WORD

Year A • 4 June 2023 • Colour: White • Psalter Week 1



Painting of the Coronation of Mother Mary by the Holy Trinity at the Sanctuary of Fatima in Portugal.

We are greeted in today's Eucharist with the final words of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel. The fear once felt by the followers of Jesus is now in the past.

The news has spread quickly throughout the community that Jesus is risen. Eagerly the disciples await to be addressed, although there is some doubt amongst them as to whether Jesus survived such a brutal crucifixion.

This particular Gospel passage is often referred to as 'The Great Commission' as Jesus sets out his plan for a Church that will come to know God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. The Commissioning from Jesus states that his followers must go out to other nations to baptise and to teach the Word of God.

A contemporary reading of this passage might also require us to include the message from Lumen Gentium (Vatican II) concerning the common priesthood. This commissioning by Jesus has huge implications for the whole Church, not just priests and religious. As a body of believers, there is an imperative to live out the compassion and mercy and love of Jesus in our parishes. Eleven disciples went to a mountain in Galilee today to receive a commissioning that would change their lives and change the lives of others. We received our own commissioning on the day of our baptism and we pray that the love expressed between Father, Son and Spirit may be reflected in our lives and the lives of the people we meet. ■

LEARN

'The Trinity is a mystery of faith in the strict sense, one of the mysteries that are hidden in God, which can never be known unless they are revealed by God.'

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 237)

DO

In light of today's Commissioning of the disciples, think of concrete ways you can go out to your community and bring the love and tenderness of the Trinity to the lives of others. No action is too small.

SAY

"It is not easy to find a name that will suitably express so great an excellence, unless it is better to speak in this way: the Trinity, one God, of whom are all things, through whom are all things, in whom are all things."

(St. Augustine)

REFLECT

A woman once wrote about her experience of taking part in the women's mini-marathon in Dublin. She was nervous as all of her preparation for the event had taken place on her own. The crowds of women reflected the countless hours of fundraising for charities and the care being expressed for voluntary groups throughout the country. But once the race began, a lot of the conversations stopped, and a silence descended over the crowd as people took to the business of the race itself.

On passing a maternity hospital, the women looked towards a window where a mother with her new born baby stood to watch the race. At one point, the mother held the baby up so that the passing crowd could have a better look. An audible 'awe' sound came from the crowd.

The woman at the heart of this story said afterwards, that her experience of love and care and tenderness that day was probably the closest thing to experiencing the Trinity she will ever come to.

We often try to seek out words and complicated theories to explain the Trinity when in fact we all have the capacity to experience the life of the Trinity in our own lives. It could be the moment when you meet the love of your life and decide to get married. Or when you see your child setting off for his first day at school. Or perhaps it happens during the Eucharist through the words and actions of Jesus in the Gospels. At the heart of the Trinity is the experience of pure love. Most of us are lucky enough to know what that feels like. ■

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4th June 2023

The Most Holy Trinity

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

Fr Clement McManus, CSsR, Clonard

Maureen McCann, Drumkeeragh

Margaret Gilmore, Killowen

Anniversaries

Dechomet

Sat 3rd Aisling O'Donnell & Pat Doyle

Sat 10th Phyllis & Seamus Doyle

Dromara

Sun 4th Dylan O'Hare

Fri 9th Sarah McGrillen

Leitrim

Wed 7th Kathleen Malone

Tom & Betty Fegan

Dromara Festival - Community Service Sun 18th June at 3pm in St John's Church Hall, Banbridge Road, Dromara. Everyone is invited to attend.

Summer Opportunities for Young People with the Diocesan Youth Office

World Youth Day, Lisbon Portugal - 3 places left for 18-30 years old, 7 days inclusive package £400.

Volunteer at YMCA Newcastle

12-14 years old, last 3 weeks Jul

Climb Croagh Patrick & visit Knock Shrine

18-25 years old, 2nd to 6th Aug

Volunteer at Knock Shrine

16-18 years old, 11th to 16th Aug & 19th to 22nd Aug
Volunteers will stay in the Knock House Hotel, transport, food and Tshirt/Hoodie will be provided.

For more information phone 028 30833898, or email youthdirector@dromorediocese.org

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Safeguarding Contact: P Carville 07789917741

Collections Parish	Dromara	Drumgooland
	£387	£680

Sick and housebound will be attended this week.

Dromara Parish Council Meeting Mon 5th Jun 8pm

We welcome into Dromara Parish

Brenná Rita Susan Malone

Congratulations to Suzanne McCabe and Richard Philson who were married recently.

Mission Awareness - £613 was donated over the weekend. Anyone who wishes to make a donation can do so in one of the envelopes provided, or simply mark an envelope 'Holy Rosary' and it will be passed on.

Trócaire - Thank you to all who returned their donations to the Trócaire Lenten Appeal. This has been passed onto Trócaire as well as any donations to the St Anthony boxes.
Dromara £2,366 Drumgooland £4,476

Financial Statement for 2022 is printed on the other side of the bulletin. **Thank you** to all who gave so generously to the parish, the priest collection, and the various charitable collections during the year. The priests of Dromore agree to share the collections in a fraternal manner in order that we are paid equally. I received £16,800 last year (£1,400 per month). Any donation at Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals come to me, in 2022 this amounted to £5,850. **Thank you** for your very generous support.

The next of The **Five Consecutive First Saturday** of the month devotions, will continue directly after 6pm Mass in Dechomet on Sat 3rd June with a 15-minute meditation and the Rosary. Confessions will also be available from 5:30pm.

Exam Mass at Knock Basilica 5th June at 7:30pm
Take some time out from your studies for a quiet moment to ask for God's strength and guidance as you move through your exam period. Bring your pencil case to have it blessed. For all students preparing for exams and their families

I will be away on retreat 12th - 21st June