

Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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5th Sunday in ordinary time
9th February 2025

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



ANNIVERSARIES

Leitrim

Sat 8th Patsy McGlue & Paul McEleney
Michael Murphy
Wed 12th Eileen Cunningham
Sat 15th Fr Frank Lyons
Rita Murray
John McKay
Annie & Patrick O'Prey

Dromara

Sun 9th Peter McEvoy & Martin Drake

Dechomet

Mon 10th Kevin Gregory
Annie Davies

Dromantine Workshop

Workshops and retreats will be offered by Fr Hugh Lagan SMA in 2025. Fr Lagan is a Priest with SMA and a Chartered Clinical Psychologist.

Sat 8th Mar 9am - 4:30pm

*A radical welcome: intercultural living
& the future of religious life*
£43 / €50

Reservations:

Tel: 028 3082 1964

Email: admin@dromantineconference.com

Diocesan Safeguarding Officer: Stephen Sherry
07301246329/ safeguardingdirector@dromorediocese.org

Collections Dromara Drumgooland
Parish £671 £999

Thank you for your continued contributions

Prayer Shawl ministry

Each piece is created in prayer.
An awareness that we need the prayers and support of each other.
There are a few prayer shawls, small blankets, prayer squares for your pocket, small crosses and five finger prayer cards available. If you wish to take one for yourself or anyone else, please contact Fr Peter.

Shrine Candles

There are a few bulbs and switches not currently working. They will be replaced as soon as the parts come in.

We welcome into Dromara Parish
Rebecca Jane Adams
and into Drumgooland Parish
Albert William Robert Vandeburg
and Mary-Kate Murnion

Please join the 'Friends of St Michael's Finnis Parents Group' on **Sun 16th Feb at 3pm** for a great afternoon of **Bingo** in the Parish Hall. Doors open at 2.30pm.
£100 JACKPOT MUST GO.

Good fun, refreshments and a great raffle so please come along and show your support for the school.

Dromore Diocesan

Lourdes Pilgrimage 9th June

5 nights Full Board £850

Anyone who would like to be considered as a Pilgrim or Assisted Pilgrim please contact:
Ann Kelly (Secretary) 07788 195938, or
Kieran McEvoy (Chairperson) 07986 366162

SVP contact numbers

Dromara 07738 838191/Drumg 07825 419067

Sunday Message

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

Year C • 9 February 2025 • Colour: Green • Psalter Week 1

IT'S OKAY
TO BE
HUMBLE
LK 5:1-11



One of the striking things about the great figures of the Old and New Testament is their sense of their own unworthiness. They had no illusions about how great they were. Even though God had chosen them to do great things – to be prophets, wise leaders – they were painfully aware that they were not perfect.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah had a profound sense of his own unworthiness in the presence of God. He sensed a vast chasm between his own uncleanness and the holiness of the Lord of heaven. "I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts."

St Paul regarded himself as one who had done wrong. "I am the least of the apostles," he tells the people of Corinth. "In fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle."

In the Gospel, Peter also feels intensely unworthy in the presence of Jesus. Overcome by what Jesus has done, he falls at his feet and says, "Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man."

These prophets and apostles saw themselves as unworthy servants of God. They were all too aware of their sinfulness.

But they knew something else too: God had not called them because they were perfect. God had called them in spite of their imperfections. God had chosen them even though they were sinners. God saw the goodness in them, their potential, and that was enough.

And those prophets and apostles went on to do great things. Knowing that God was one with them, filled with God's spirit, they went out and preached God's word, they witnessed to God's plan, even undergoing martyrdom. ■

REFLECT

Today's readings hold two lessons for us. First, God always sees the potential in us. Sometimes we focus on the things we don't like about ourselves, our faults, our failings. We can see ourselves as weak links, even as failures. In our celebrity obsessed culture, young people especially can look at themselves and think they don't measure up.

Sometimes, too, as individuals or as a society, we can see others as weak links. We look down on or judge individuals or groups of people. We see only their faults, their downsides, only what we think is wrong with them or inferior about them. Isn't that what racism is about? Why Hitler targeted

Jews? Why as a society we could so easily confine people to Magdalene laundries and industrial schools? Why in school, college, the workplace or neighbourhood, we pick on the person who is different?

But in the eyes of God, no one is inferior. God has created each of us in God's own likeness and created in God's own likeness, we can't be weak links – no matter who we are, or how we look, or how smart we are. And we are called to see ourselves the way God sees us and to see others the way God sees them.

The second lesson is to acknowledge, like Isaiah, Paul and Peter, that we are not

SAY

"Lord, thank you for creating me in your image and likeness. Help me to see myself and others as you see us. Amen."

LEARN

As members of the Church, we are called to make a choice for Christ and his principles and values

The Christian knows he or she is unworthy but trusts in God's goodness and love

Christ has called each of us by name

DO

Very often we can be our own worst critics, obsessing over our perceived failings and weaknesses, seeing only the negative. Make a (mental or written) list of the things you like about yourself, the many gifts and talents God has given you. Thank God for God's blessings.



PRAY

To follow Jesus isn't easy. To be a Christian today means risking being ridiculed or dismissed as deluded by the forces of secularism. Pray for yourself and Christians everywhere that you will always say 'Yes' to Jesus.

perfect. We are always a work in progress. But the wonderful thing is, unworthy as we are, God loves us anyway. Weak though we are, God has chosen us to be his followers. Sinful though we may be, he has called us to be his witnesses, summoned us to be saints.

We acknowledge this in the prayers of the Mass, in the words we say before receiving holy communion: "Lord, I am not worthy... but only say the word and my soul shall be healed."

God speaks only to the good in us. We must speak only to the good in ourselves and those around us. ■