

Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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8th Sunday in ordinary time
2nd March 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
Fri 7th 7:00pm Dromara to facilitate the
inter-church service at 8pm



5th March Masses

7am Leitrim 10am Gargory
7pm Dromara 8pm Dechomet

World Day of Prayer - Fri 7th Mar 8pm
St Michael's, Finnis. Everyone Welcome

Recently deceased



Daniel Lundy, Downpatrick,
formerly Dromara

ANNIVERSARIES

Dechomet

Sat 1st Willie Rooney
Brian, Colm & Sr Josephine Rooney

Leitrim

Sat 1st Patrick McCartan
Sat 8th **Dominic McElroy MM**
Barney O'Hare
Paddy, Cissie & Colette McMullan

Gargory

Sun 2nd Deceased Members of McAlerney
Family (*Ribadoo*)
Phyllis McAleenan

Sun 9th Cathal Ward

Dromara

Sun 2nd Pete & Kathleen Gilmore

Cemetery Sunday 25th May 2025

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

Collections Dromara Drumgooland

Parish £397 £839

Thank you for your continued contributions

The sick and housebound will be
attended this week

Trócaire boxes are available at the back of
the churches, please do take one home.
A box on display is a visible reminder that
other people are in need, they will benefit
from our prayer and generosity

Dromara Parish Council meeting
Mon 10th Mar at 8pm in St Michael's Hall

Community Defibrillator

Information session and demonstration
of the Community Defibrillator at
Peter Morgan's Cottage

Tues 11th Mar at 7:30pm

Please come along and inform yourself
about this vital piece of life-saving equipment.
The team would like an indication of numbers.
Please phone 07708017219 if you plan to attend.

Leitrim Cemetery

The parish proposes to improve the main
driveway in the cemetery by adding
kerbing and tarmac to the driveway.
Any person/firm who wishes to tender for
this project should contact
mciahel@mjdonnely.co.uk
before 14th March

Rotas for March

Gargory Altar - Carmel & Geraldine
Dromara Collectors - Jimmy & Joe

Dromantine Workshop

Offered by Fr Hugh Lagan SMA,
Priest and Chartered Clinical Psychologist.

Fri 2nd to Sun 4th May

*Difficult People: How to bring out the
best in people at their worst*

£235 / €275

Reservation: Tel: 028 3082 1964 or
Email: admin@dromantineconference.com

SVP contact numbers

Dromara 07738 838191/Drumg 07825 419067

Sunday Message

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

Year C • 2nd March 2025 • Colour: Green • Psalter Week 4

THE LANGUAGE OF THE HEART

LK 6:39-45



When Luke wrote this Gospel, the Church was a bit more organised as an institution, compared to the Church that Mark was writing to. Its members had discovered that Jesus' return was not as imminent as the earlier disciples thought.

This passage before us today suggests that Luke's community needed to be challenged again to live a life of prayer and maintain total commitment to the Lord Jesus. Prior to today's scene, we witness the call of the first disciples. Jesus is in the presence of a needy crowd and is stating the essential characteristics of being a follower of his. He is training or forming his disciples into a new way of living. They are not to be superior to the teacher but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his/her teacher. They are not to condemn, judge or find fault with one another. They are to treat one another with compassion and forgiveness. The Gospel underlines the importance of its leaders to go out to the world with a mission. The goodness in our hearts should be shown to the world around us, in the way we interact with people, in the way we bring people to the faith. Sometimes, these passages from Luke are referred to as The Sermon on the Plain. All those who listen are invited to show God's love to the world. ■

REFLECT

The beauty of today's Gospel is that it may inspire you to think of examples in your own life where you witnessed or experienced the 'good fruit' of a family member or a neighbour, through the example of their lives. As a priest working in a parish, I see countless examples of people devoting themselves in a selfless way to the care of others. In a local nursing home, approximately 75% of the staff are from a region in India called Kerala. Their faith forms a central part of their lives but the way they care for residents in the home, is an extension of their faith. They show care and respect, compassion and generosity. When the weekly mass is celebrated, every resident is afforded the opportunity to attend the celebration if they so wish. No task is too big for these extraordinary workers. When Jesus addresses the crowd today, he draws attention to the power of the human heart. The ability we all have to transform the world around us in showing God's love. 'A good man brings good things out of the good that's stored up in his heart,' says Jesus. The fruit we produce knows no boundary. ■

DO

Read Chapter 6 of Luke's Gospel and pay particular attention to how the Beatitudes are presented to the disciples.

SAY

Where there is shouting, let us practise listening;
Where there is confusion, let us inspire harmony;
Where there is exclusion, let us offer solidarity;
Where there is falsehood, let us bring truth.

(Pope Francis for World Communications Day, 2018)

LEARN

'There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call – one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.' (Eph 4: 4-6)