

Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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28th Sunday in ordinary time

13th October 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

Visit of the Relics of St Bernadette to the Cathedral 17th & 18th Oct

The Relics will arrive at 1pm Thur 17th

Mass: Thur 7pm, with Anointing of the Sick
and Fri 10:30am

Prayer Services: Thur 9pm-10pm Marian Vigil
Fri 3pm-3:45pm Stations of the Cross and
7pm-8pm Candlelight Rosary & Vigil

Public Veneration available at all other
times with Confessions available.

The Cathedral will close at 10pm each night
and open at 8am on Fri morning.

See Parish website for more details

ANNIVERSARIES

2025 Anniversary Diary now available

Dechomet

Sat 12th Michelle Doyle
Matt & Kathleen Ward & Deceased
Family Members
Eileen Fitzpatrick

Leitrim

Sat 12th Rory Savage
Patrick Joseph & Mary Theresa Morgan
(Legananny)

Wed 16th Marc McAnulty
William McCartan (*Ballymaginthy*)

Sat 19th John Smyth & Deceased Family Members

Gargory

Sun 13th Oliver McEvoy MM

Dromara

Fri 18th Bernard McCann

Sun 20th Michael Rice
Edward McBride

SVP contact numbers:

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Collections Dromara Drumgooland

Parish £564 £1,045

Thank you for continuing to support your parish

Southern Area Hospice Collection

£1,100 was collected last week, thank you.
If anyone wishes to make a donation, please
put it in an envelope marked 'Hospice' and
place it in the collection basket. All donations
will be passed on at the end of the month.

Dromara Parish Council Meeting Mon 14th Oct 8pm

*We welcome into Dromara Parish
Matthew Thomas McCann and
Patrick Anthony Kennedy*

Please join the 'Friends of St Michael's
Parents Group' for **BINGO** on **Sun 20th Oct**
in the Parish Hall to raise funds for school
equipment. Doors open at 2.30pm,
Bingo starts at 3pm. A fun afternoon
for all, so please come along and show
your support for the School.

NI Blood Transfusion Service

Blood donation session in
Ballynahinch **Mon 21st Oct**

Book appointment: <https://bit.ly/GiveBloodNI>

The 'Friends of St Michael's Parents Group'
would like to invite you to **King's Bar** on
Fri 25th Oct for a **School Reunion** to raise
money for resources for our school.

We would love to see past pupils, past,
current & future parents & those who wish
to support the school. £5 entry on the night
and doors open at 8pm.

The **Holy Cross Sisters** are offering young
adults the opportunity to volunteer their time
to work in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.
This is a great opportunity for young adults,
18 to 35 years, to give 1 month, or more,
of their time in 2025 or 2026 to help make
a difference. For more information, the
Dromore Diocese Youth Com invite you
to a meeting in Newry Parish Centre,
The Mall, on **Wed 30th Oct at 7.15 pm**.

Diocesan Safeguarding:

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Sunday Message

TWENTY-EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

Year B • 13 October 2024 • Colour: Green • Psalter Week 4

THE RICH AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD

MK 10:17-30



Jesus and the rich young man in Grace Church Chiangmai, Thailand

Sometimes when we read a Gospel passage, it is possible to pick up a certain atmosphere or feeling when we immerse ourselves into the world of Jesus and his followers.

The rich man presents himself in front of Jesus today and one can sense the enthusiasm from him. He wants to join the entourage of followers and become a disciple of Jesus. 'What must I do?', he asks. The fatal question you might say! He's going to get an answer that will move him from enthusiasm to great sadness. 'Sell everything you have, give to the poor and come follow me,' says Jesus. The famous phrase that knocked the stuffing out of the rich man. We might find a certain portion of this Gospel scene entertaining as the man leaves Jesus and goes back to his life of great wealth. But the teaching is quite profound. Jesus turns to his followers, who have witnessed this scene and tells them that those who leave everything behind to follow Jesus, will be repaid a hundred times over. This is in recognition of the many sacrifices the disciples have made to follow Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem. ■

SAY

'Give something, however small, to one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could.'

(Saint Gregory of Nazianzus)

REFLECT

I don't play the Lotto but I know a lot of people who do. A recent jackpot in a part of the United States gave 800 million dollars to the winner. I'm not too sure what I'd do with it if I won, but 800 million dollars might be a step too far. It could very well be the ruination of me!

There is nothing wrong with money as such, or even with being wealthy. Some of the world's greatest people who did most for the welfare of humanity, have been wealthy people. But at a deeper level the fact is that I own nothing and my hold on things is provisional, temporary. "There are no pockets in the shroud... and there is no hitch on the back of a hearse", are two sayings that come to mind!

Then there are some who give up everything to follow Jesus. He doesn't call everybody to do this. But being a follower of Jesus does mean having to leave something behind. It involves a change of priorities, a new way of valuing things. Those who leave everything to follow Jesus are among the most blessed of people, dedicated souls like Padre Pio, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, aid workers in places torn by war and disease, and many other unsung heroes. Such people are blessed with the riches of God's grace and bring much blessing to the lives of others. ■

DO

How can you be of service to God's people this week? Is there any reluctance in you to volunteer for a worthy parish initiative? How can you support your fellow lay missionaries?



LEARN

'The source of the Church's mission is the conviction that Christ is risen and fully alive and present to the community of believing Christians.' (Archbishop John Niendstedt)