

Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

Fr Peter McNeill Tel: 406 50207 Emergency Tel: 079 69403762

Email: dromaradrumgooland@dromorediocese.org Web: www.dromaradrumgooland.org

Ascension of the Lord

12th 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

Alice Owens, Old Railway Close

ANNIVERSARIES

Leitrim

Sat 11th John Murphy
Barnie Cowan
Sat 18th Jim McAnulty & Deceased Family
Members (Backaderry)
Owen, Philomena, Janet & Christopher
Rice
Nora McEvoy
Annie, Thomas, Patrick & Sean
Cunningham
Joe & Agnes McEvoy

Dechomet

Sat 11th James & Mary Catherine Doyle (*Closkelt*)

Gargory

Sun 12th Owens Family (*Ballymaginthy*)

Cemetery Sunday 26th May

Gargory after 9 am mass

Finnis 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

SOLITUDE SATURDAY, GLENVALE

Saturday 25th May £20

An opportunity to take some time for yourself, in the beautiful surroundings of Glenvale Convent. Beginning with Mass at 10am and ends at 3.30pm. Refreshments and a light lunch included. Early booking essential - contact 02830832828

Collections Dromara Drumgooland
Parish £320 £846

Thank you for continuing to support your parish.

Baptisms

We welcome Heidi Clare McGill and Chloe Mary McEvoy into the parish of Drumgooland and Peter Joseph McConvey into the parish of Dromara

First Holy Communion

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

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

Dromara Inter Church Service will be held in St Michael's Church on Sunday 9th June at 3pm. All are welcome.

Retreat

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

DROMORE DIOCESAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Monday 20th May 2024: @7:30pm in Newry Parish Centre

The Society is delighted to welcome **Hugh McShane**, well-known local teacher, historian and author of several studies on Newry, to present an illustrated talk on *Newry in the 1900s*. All welcome

Pilgrimage for young adults/young parents and others - 18 - 35 years old -

August 25th Day trip to Lough Derg - on ward journey to Knock Shrine - overnight stay in Knock -

Day 2 - take time to enjoy all that Knock Shrine offers or Climb Croagh Patrick - home late evening.

Transport and accommodation provided - to obtain more information and register your place.

Email Frances on youthdirector@dromorediocese.org or phone 028 30833898

SVP contact numbers

Dromara 077 3883 8191/Drumgooland 078 2541 9067

Sunday Message

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

THE WORD

Year B • 12 May 2024 • Colour: White • Psalter Week 3



Gospel is dramatic in its clarity and brevity today as before Jesus ascends into heaven to sit at the Father's right hand, he reiterates to his disciples his mission on earth.

The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead and the repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all the nations. The risen Christ and the love and mercy of God are teachings that underpin the missionary activity of the Church. After stating his purpose and his desire that his mission should continue through the work of the Holy Spirit, Jesus blesses them and is taken up into heaven. Of course, this moment is not marked by any sadness or loneliness on the disciples' part. They return to Jerusalem with great joy and stay in the temple to preach and teach everything they have heard.

On this solemnity of the Ascension of Jesus, it is important for us believers to acknowledge that the ascension is not the end, it is only the beginning. In today's first reading, the disciples are instructed not to stand around looking up into the sky wondering where Jesus could possibly have disappeared to? No! The work of discipleship truly begins after the ascension of Jesus for through the ministry of his followers, the Kingdom of God establishes itself more and more on earth. Remember the recurring theme from Christ's preaching on earth. Jesus will rise from the dead and God's love and mercy. ■

REFLECT

Today, the Catholic Church celebrates *World Communications Day* and most of us can proclaim to be experts in this field with the advent of smart phones and other devices that bring us into contact with a range of possibilities through the Internet. There are huge positives attached to being able to use the Internet, not least for people who live away from home and can keep in contact with family through whatsapp, facebook and other platforms. Pope Francis himself stated back in 2014 that the internet should be "an environment rich in humanity, a network not of wires but of people."

We not only celebrate today but we also reflect on the current state and nature of relationships on the Internet. Paolo Ruffini, Prefect of the Dicastery for Communication states that social media can nourish "true, beautiful, solid relationships but it can also fuel hatred." He goes on to state that Pope Francis wants people to view social media not as something that traps you, but something that frees you and that you make an instrument of freedom. On this 58th World Communications Day, the Church underlines the value of interaction understood as dialogue and as an opportunity to meet with others.

Today also confirms Pope Francis' attention to the new communications environment where he is present with his @Pontifex account on Twitter and @Franciscus account on Instagram. ■

SAY

God, my Father,
You have promised to remain
forever with those
who do what is just and right.
Help me to live in Your presence.
Keep before me the wisdom and love
You have made known in Your Son.
Help me to be like Him in word and
deed. Amen.

LEARN

"Jesus was aware of the purpose of his mission: to announce the Kingdom of God and make it present in his own Person, in his actions, and in his words, so that the world would become reconciled with God and renewed."

(International Theological Commission)

DO

Read this Gospel again and become more conscious of the interactions between Christ and his disciples. The Gospel is a little light on information but try to imagine what the conversation might have been after their arduous journey.

