

Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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9th July 2023

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekend masses

Sat 6:00pm Dechomet
7:30pm Leitrim

Sun 9:00am Gargory
11:00am Dromara

NO Weekday Masses this week

I will be away on holiday 6th Jul until 26th Jul.
For emergency sick calls or deaths please try
Fr Brian Brown on 074 9673 1619 or 028 97562410

*Anniversaries can be booked by email, leaving a
message (and phone number) on the phone or
a note through the letterbox whilst I am away.*

Drumgooland Parish Council
Meeting Mon 31st July at 8pm

ANNIVERSARIES

DROMARA

Sun 9th Bernard Rice (Dree)
Kevin Doyle
John T Fitzpatrick

DECHOMET

Sat 15th Gerard & Margaret Quail

LEITRIM

Sat 15th Brian Donnelly

The Annual Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock
will take place next **Sunday 16 July**.

Mass at 3pm with Anointing of the Sick
beforehand at 2:30pm.

Newsletters & Emblems available at PTAA stand
in St John's Rest & Care Centre
or via www.pioneers.ie

Want to learn to play the guitar?
Music with Mona - 075 8560 0452

SVDP: Drom 07738838191/Drumg 07825419067

Safeguarding Contact: P Carville 07789917741

Collections Parish	Dromara	Drumgooland
	£457	£881

We welcome into Drumgooland Parish
Yelena Nevach Hampton, and
Eireann Nicole McMullan



Wee James' Tractor Run Sun 9th Jul
The Mill, 50 Leitrim Road, BT31 9BD

Registration Open 12-12:30pm
Run Starts at 3:30pm. £20 per Tractor

Guided Tours of Newry Cathedral

Wed 19th Jul 7pm

Wed 16th Aug 2pm

Wed 30th Aug 7pm

Each Tour will take approx. 90 minutes.
Meet at the main door of the Cathedral.
There is no charge for these Tours.

Grandparents Pilgrimage at
Knock Shrine **Sun 23rd July**

Schedule of Cermonies

2:00pm Rosary

2:30pm Anointing of the Sick

3:30pm Mass followed by
Benediction & Rosary Procession

Explore Knock Shrine

- Exposition Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- Self-Guided Audio Tours available
- Guided Prayer Sessions in the Prayer Centre
- 100 acres of landscaped gardens to explore
- Resources to enrich and inspire at Knock Bookshop

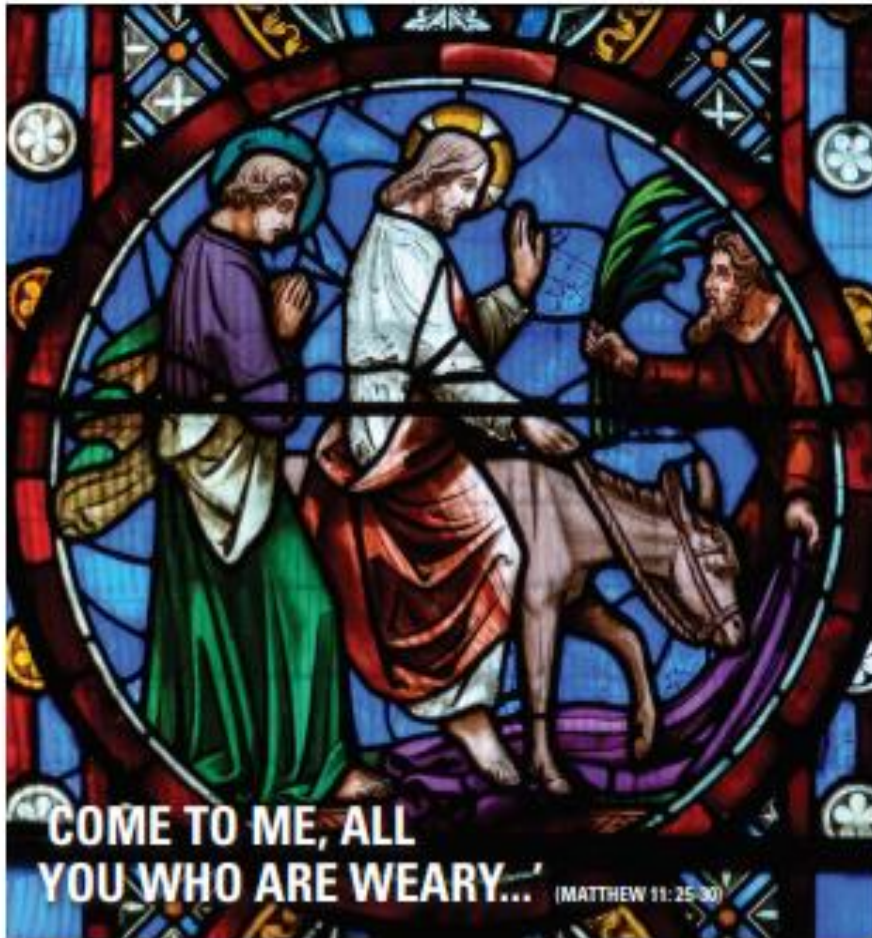
www.knockshrine.ie / 00353 94 9388100

Sunday Message

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

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Let us take the first reading and the Gospel as an inseparable pair for today's reflection. The prophet Zechariah announces a new kind of leader who in humility and mercy will arrive into Jerusalem on a young donkey.

This new leader or King will bring peace and love to a world at war. 500 years later, we move into the world of Matthew's Gospel and the proclamation of Jesus that he indeed is the King as foretold by the prophets. Those who come to know Jesus will know God, as Jesus will reveal him to us in Word and action. But the crucial part of this Gospel is the humility of Jesus in a world that rejects him. The image from Zechariah of a King riding into Jerusalem on a donkey is helpful here. There is an offer from Jesus in today's Gospel. 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest ... for I am gentle and humble of heart.' With true humility and vulnerability, Jesus embraces the world with peace and mercy. This is a new kind of leadership or authority. There is a good chance that the people of Israel have never heard such words from a leader before. No wonder there is hesitancy in following Jesus and a genuine scepticism in hearing this message.

It takes a genuine leap of faith even for us listeners of the Word today, to trust God in our moments of weariness. To find rest for our souls in the loving and humble embrace of Jesus Christ. ■

SAY

God our Father, grant me the grace to never view myself greater than anyone. Let my heart always imitate Your humility.

DO

Reflect a little this week on how God revealed himself to the world. Jesus arrived into town in the most humble of ways. How do we practise humility?

REFLECT

As a priest, the joy and privilege of having sons and daughters of my own is something I have long accepted as past me, which makes the blessing of nephews and nieces a treasure in my life. To much of my sisters' surprise, I have often appeared in the delivery ward of a maternity hospital within an hour of a baby's arrival with chocolates, flowers and a helium balloon to emotionally greet the family's new arrival. I'm probably a little over enthusiastic to be honest and at times it can be difficult to get past the strict ward nurses. I've been told time and time again that maternity wards are for parents and grandparents only!

The vulnerability of babies and small children is what strikes me most in watching these new arrivals into the family. They need so much care and love and attention. It's not possible for a parent to switch off for even a minute. Round the clock care is needed to ensure nappies are changed, bottles of milk are made and clean clothes are always in ready supply. Vulnerability is the mark of every baby and child.

A child's mind is not clouded by aggression or hostility. Through a child you can see a desire to learn and absorb information. Even a baby will have an astounding curiosity of all things happening around him/her.

And Jesus says today that the truth about God will be revealed to these children before it can be revealed to the learned and the wise. To know God is to know the most vulnerable and marginalised of our world. ■

LEARN

'There is more value in a little study of humility and in a single act of it than in all the knowledge in the world.'
(Saint Teresa of Avila)

'Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God But when we pray, do we speak from the height of our pride and will, or out of the depths of a humble and contrite heart? Humility is the foundation of prayer.'
(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2559)