

# Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time**

**23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024**

## Weekend Masses

**Sat** 6:00pm Dechomet & 7:30pm Leitrim

**Sun** 9:00am Gargoy & 11:00am Dromara

## Weekday Masses

**Mon** 9:00am Leitrim & 7:30pm Dechomet

**Tues** 10:00am Dromara

**Wed** 7:30pm Leitrim

**Fri 7<sup>th</sup>** 7:30pm Dromara

## Holidays

I will be on holiday 29<sup>th</sup> Jun to 20<sup>th</sup> July this year

If you need a priest urgently for

a sick call or a death, please try

**Fr Brian Brown 074 9673 1619**

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Dechomet

**Sat 22<sup>nd</sup>** Rosaleen Turley

**Sun 29<sup>th</sup>** James O'Hare

### Leitrim

**Sat 22<sup>nd</sup>** Eamon Duggan MM

Patricia Hamilton

Sam Duggan

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup>** James Cunningham

Brendan Ward & Deceased

Family Members

Tony, Eamon & Francie Clarke

**Sat 29<sup>th</sup>** Sarah Lennon

Michael McElroy

PF & Mary Rose McCartan

### Dromara

**Sun 23<sup>rd</sup>** Michael, Teresa & Dominic O'Hare

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup>** Stephen O'Hare (*Castlewellan Rd*)

**Sun 30<sup>th</sup>** Hugh McCoubry (*Derry*)

Elizabeth & Joseph Gordon (*Drumkerragh*)

Margaret Marmion

## *Triathlon of Pilgrimage Sat 24<sup>th</sup> - Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Aug*

Take on the challenge, experience the adventure and grow in faith, all in the spirit of fun, prayer and friendship for young adults.

### *Lough Derg / Knock Shrine / Croagh Patrick*

Join the Diocese of Dromore, departing early Sat morning, travelling by bus, collecting all on route, staying in the Youth Hub at Knock Shrine.

Cost £150, which covers bus, B&B, Lough Derg fee and an experience not to be missed!

Arrive home Sun evening 8/9pm.

Email your name and contact number to Frances

[Youthdirector@dromorediocese.org](mailto:Youthdirector@dromorediocese.org)

## Collections Dromara Drumgooland

Parish £411 £841

*Thank you for continuing to support your parish.*

## Viatores Christi mission appeal

If anyone wishes to support the appeal, please put the envelopes in the collection basket over the next few weeks.

If you did not get an envelope, just put your donation in an envelope marked 'Mission'.

## Dromore Diocesan

### Knock Shrine Pilgrimage

#### Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June

A bus will leave Banbridge Parish Centre at 8:00am. The cost is £21, this does not include an evening meal.

Please bring a packed lunch.

Please book a place through the

Parish Office 028 40662136

A bus will also leave St Paul's Parish, Lurgan at 8:00am. The cost is £21, this does not include an evening meal.

Please bring a packed lunch.

Please book a place through the

Parish Office 028 38321289

## *Wee James' Tractor Run*

### *Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Jul*

The Mill,

50 Leitrim Road,

BT31 9BD

Registration begins 12:30pm

## Lough Derg

### August One-Day Retreats

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Tue 20<sup>th</sup>

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Mon 26<sup>th</sup>

Sat 31<sup>st</sup>

Admission €45

Booking essential

[info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org)

00353 07198 61518

## Diocesan Safeguarding:

Stephen Sherry 073 0124 6329

Email: [safeguardingdirector@dromorediocese.org](mailto:safeguardingdirector@dromorediocese.org)

## SVP contact numbers

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Drumgooland 078 2541 9067

# Sunday Message

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

Year B • 23 June 2024 • Colour: Red • Psalter Week 4



**DON'T PANIC!  
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MARK 4:35-41

Jesus has been teaching the crowds from a boat on the Sea of Galilee. Afterwards, he decides to set out in the boat to the other side of the lake. But people get into other boats and follow him - an indicator that the number of Jesus' followers is on the increase.

Suddenly, a violent storm erupts. These are common on the Sea of Galilee, which is about 200 metres below sea level. The hills around it reach to a height of about 600 metres where the air is cool and dry. However, at the level of the lake, the climate is semi-tropical and the air is warm and moist. The difference in height between the surrounding hills and the lake causes large temperature and pressure changes. These generate strong winds which funnel through the hills and drop down onto the lake, with violent results. As the lake is quite shallow (60 metres at most), the winds can whip up waves of two metres or more. This is the kind of storm that hits the boats. The waves are smashing against Jesus' boat and the vessel is gradually filling.

But Jesus is sound asleep in the stern on a cushion. This would seem impossible but Mark has added this detail for a purpose. Jesus has authority over all chaos, including the situation in which the disciples now find themselves. While they are his disciples and call him "teacher," they still have much to learn about him. In fact, their fear is so great that they doubt his willingness to save them. These disciples have seen all his miracles and have heard his teaching, yet they still do not recognise the presence of God's power in him.

When Jesus awakes, he rebukes the winds and the sea, and restores calm. His response to their lack of faith is harsh. There was no reason for the disciples to be afraid. "How is it that you have no faith?" he asks them. It's obvious they are still a long way off from the fullness of faith which he desires for them.

Jesus' words fill the disciples with awe. They wonder who he is, but the answer to their question is going to involve a long journey - one that will be filled with misunderstanding, fear and failure - before they finally come to true faith in him. ■

## LEARN

God is with us always, in good times and bad

It is okay to experience doubts and difficulties so long as we continue to trust in God

## PRAY

Pray for those who feel as if they are caught in a storm - the ill, depressed, suicidal, bullied, those who suffer discrimination or intimidation - that they may experience Jesus's soothing, calming, saving presence with them.

## SAY

"Lord, help me to trust in you at all times."

## REFLECT

One of the most beloved characters in the classic BBC comedy series *Dad's Army* is the butcher Lance Corporal Jones. Jones is brave and full of enthusiasm for the fight against Hitler, but whenever action or danger is imminent he becomes near-hysterical and runs around frantically shouting, "Don't panic! Don't panic!" at the top of his voice, which, of course, only adds to the panic and confusion.

At the very moment when he needs to be calm and have his wits about him, Jones is the very opposite. He becomes a hindrance rather than a help.

While Jones is a fictional character, he is also relatable. We may know people somewhat like him; we may even fall into the same category ourselves. The one who can keep a calm head in times of crisis is someone we admire, someone we trust, someone who can be given a position of leadership or responsibility.

The disciples in today's Gospel panic when the storm brews. They are scared for their lives. No doubt they are aware of tragedies that have occurred on that very lake, of boats that went down during storms, of lives lost. They fear it will happen to them. They are incredulous that their master and teacher is able to sleep right through it. Doesn't he realise the danger they are in? When Jesus calms the storm, they are awestruck. Even after all this time, they still do not appreciate who Jesus really is. Their faith is still lacking.

All of us, at one time or another, in one way or another, will encounter storms along the journey of life. They are part of the human condition. Like Corporal Jones, we can feel overwhelmed, panicked, afraid. This is where our faith comes in. We are asked to trust in God's loving presence at all times, to trust that even in the most difficult situations God is with us, that God will never abandon us. Even when God appears to be sleeping, we know we need not be afraid. ■

## DO

As Christians, we know that Jesus is with us in the midst of any storm in which we find ourselves. But he is more than with us; he calls on us to face that storm. To have courage. To trust. To be not afraid. Think of the challenges and difficulties you and your loved ones are facing at this time. Ask the Lord's help in facing them.