

Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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26th Sunday on ordinary time
28th September 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 30th 10:00am Dromara (*School Mass*)
Wed 7:30pm Leitrim
Fri 7:30pm Dromara

We pray for our recently deceased



Bridie McElroy, Benraw
MaryRose McKay, Gargory

ANNIVERSARIES

Leitrim

Sat 27th Patricia Quail
John McAlarney
Wed 1st **Tommy Love MM**
Barney & Joey McAnulty
Sat 4th Anthony Pat McEvoy
John McCrickard
Teresa & Stanley Wright & Deceased
Family Members

Dromara

Fri 3rd Francis McEvoy
Gargory
Sun 5th Patrick & Kathleen McAtee

Leitrim Cleaners: Oct - Anne, Joanne & Jeanette

Gargory Altar Rota: Oct - Carmel & Geraldine

Dromara Collectors: Oct - Jimmy & Joe

Congratulations to
Paddy McEvoy & Kelly Rouse,
Aidan McCabe & Rebecca Rodgers &
Sheena MacAuley & Adam Fallis
who were married recently

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Collections Dromara Drumgooland

Parish £416 £928

St Michael's Hall donation £50

Thank you for your continued contributions

Leitrim Cemetery Driveway

The driveway will be tarmaced and new kerbing installed in Oct. When the work has begun, no vehicles will be allowed into the cemetery. There will be heavy machinery in place, so access to the graves will be limited. I apologise for the inconvenience during the work.

First Communion preparation begins on **4th/5th Oct.** All P4 children, no matter which school they attend, are welcome.

Evora Hospice (*formerly Southern Area Hospice*) will take up a collection next weekend **4th/5th Oct**

Dromore Diocesan Historical Society AGM

Mon 6th Oct 7pm in Newry Parish Centre.

At 7:30pm there will be a lecture by Dr Eoin Magennis, entitled "*Dr Padraig Quinn of Newry and the revolutionary period in Ireland, 1916-1924*"

Everyone very welcome.

Join us in Oct in Peter Morgan's Cottage:

Wed 1st & 22nd 7:30pm with Trevor Martin,
Learn how to Research Your Family History
(£10 Suggested Donation)

Fri 3rd Music, Song & Craic in our Trad Music
Night from 7.30pm. Supper included.

*Follow us on Facebook or speak to
any Committee Member*

Volunteer Training Programme OCN Level 2,
offered over 6 weeks (15th Oct to 19th Nov)
to those working with young people, 18 yrs plus.
Newry Parish Centre, 6:30pm to 9:30pm (*a light
tea from 6pm*). We welcome new volunteers
who are willing to help in their Parish/Diocese
and would value training.

Email youthdirector@dromorediocese.org
or phone Frances 02830833898

We welcome into Drumgooland Parish
Éabha Imelda Rose Armstrong and
Margot Lilly Doyle

Sunday Message

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

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In Jesus' time many people believed that wealth and good fortune were a sign of God's favour, and that bad luck was a punishment from God. This belief was so ingrained that it was often assumed that the poor and the destitute were automatically damned, and that the rich and healthy were destined for heaven.

Jesus' story about the rich man and Lazarus completely reverses these beliefs. In it the rich man ends up in torment while the poor beggar goes to paradise. No wonder his listeners were shocked by what Jesus had to say.

They would also have been shocked by the reason why the rich man was condemned. After all, the rich man did nothing to Lazarus. He did not physically harm him. He didn't get his guards to beat him up or remove him from outside his house. He didn't starve him or inflict the sores Lazarus had on his body. He seemed to do nothing to deserve eternal punishment. And yet he is condemned.

The reason the rich man is condemned is precisely because he did nothing. He turned a blind eye to the poor man at his gate. He was so caught up in his own life he was oblivious to the plight of Lazarus. He just wasn't interested in him. As far as he was concerned, Lazarus wasn't his responsibility. And that's why he is condemned. The rich man is punished not for what he did but because he simply didn't care. ■

PRAY

There are so many migrants today, people in need. Pray for them and for a more just world.

DO

Consider joining or supporting an organisation that campaigns on behalf of migrants

Christianity is not a 'private' religion

Look at your parish, your neighbourhood. Who is the Lazarus at the gate whose existence you need to be aware of?

SAY

"Lord, give me a heart like yours. Help me to respond generously to the needs of the poor and are oppressed. Amen."

LEARN

Action for justice is a constitutive part of living the Gospel. Today's Gospel makes it abundantly clear that we will be judged on how we treat the poor, the migrant, the Lazarus at our gate.

REFLECT

This is World Day of Migrants and Refugees. We know that war in Europe and the Middle East has created more refugees than at any time in decades. It is a major humanitarian crisis.

In his letter for the Holy Year 2025, Pope Francis wrote that Christians must be tangible signs of hope for those who experience hardships of any kind, especially migrants and the poor.

The Holy Father referred often to the plight of refugees, a cause that was close to his heart because his own family were migrants who had left Italy in the 1920s in search of a better life.

"Signs of hope should be present for migrants who leave their homelands behind in search of a better life for themselves and their families," he stated. "Exiles, displaced persons and refugees, whom international tensions force to emigrate in order to avoid war, violence and discrimination, ought to be guaranteed security and access to employment and education, the means

they need to find their place in a new social context."

Pope Francis lamented the closed borders and hard hearts that denied hope to people desperately seeking hope. The huge migration of peoples has led to growing intolerance, xenophobia, nativism, and to the rising popularity of extremist political movements, influenced by a toxic social media and alarmist populist rhetoric that seeks to set peoples against one another.

The Christian community, Pope Francis said, should always be prepared to defend the rights of those who are most vulnerable, opening wide its doors to welcome them, lest anyone ever be robbed of the hope of a better future.

The billions of poor, who often lack the essentials of life, also need hope, Pope Francis wrote. "Echoing the age-old message of the prophets, the Jubilee reminds us that the goods of the earth are not destined for a privileged few, but for everyone," he declared. It is scandalous

that in a world possessed of immense resources, destined largely to producing weapons, the poor continue to be "the majority of the planet's population, billions of people."

"Hunger is a scandal," Pope Francis continued, "an open wound on the body of our humanity, and it summons all of us to a serious examination of conscience."

Therefore, the more affluent nations should forgive the debts of countries that will never be able to repay them. This is a matter of justice, Pope Francis stated, made all the more serious today by the 'ecological debt' that exists, particularly between the global North and South, connected to the disproportionate use of natural resources by certain countries over long periods of time.

Today's Gospel challenges to not be blind to the needs of the poor and the deprived. Because we will be judged not just on what we do but on what we fail to do. ■