

Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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19th Sunday in ordinary time
10th August 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 9:00am Dromara
Wed 7:30pm Leitrim

*Feast of the Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation*

Thur 14th 7:30pm Dechomet
Fri 15th 10:00am Leitrim
7:30pm Dromara

We pray for our recently deceased



Eileen Doran, Altnadua Rd

ANNIVERSARIES

Leitrim

Sat 9th **Martin Owens MM**
Bernard & Ellen Cunningham
Deceased Members of Cowan Family
Deceased Members of McMullan
Family (*Legananny*)
Sat 16th Meta & Jackie Mooney

Gargory

Sun 10th **Pauline Seale MM**
Sun 17th Brigid, Michael, Leonard & Liam King

Dromara

Sun 10th James McAteer
Fri 15th Pat & Annie Branniff
Sun 17th McKenny Family (*Artana*)

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Collections

Dromara Drumgooland

Parish £625 £798

Thank you for your continued contributions

Congratulations to

*Claire Doyle & Conor Duffy
Declan King & Colette Fitzpatrick
Barry McGreevy & Erin McAlinden
who were married recently*

Day of Prayer and Reflection for Gaza Sun 24th August

Archbishop Eamon Martin is calling on all parishes to set aside Sun 24th Aug, as a day of prayer and reflection for Gaza and for a renewed commitment by the international community for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

Sadly, since June, the situation in Gaza has become steadily worse. The people there continue to be cruelly crushed by hunger, violence, death and destruction.

He joins the heartfelt appeal of Pope Leo XIV this week for "a ceasefire, the release of hostages, and full respect for international humanitarian law."

As the Holy Father said, "Every human being has an intrinsic dignity bestowed by God Himself." Please join in a time of prayer and reflection in your parish and homes on Sat 23rd & Sun 24th. Light a candle in your family home or local parish church; attend Mass; spend time in the church; pray the Rosary; make some small personal penance or sacrifice, and on that day let the light of hope radiate out from the island of Ireland for peace, for Gaza and for the future of its people.

Men's Jubilee Camino

Men's hike Sat Sept 13th

20kms on the greenway from Dominican Abbey (ruin) in Carlingford to Newry (St Catherine's) via Newry Cathedral (Jubilee Indulgence).

Mass, Adoration, Rosary,
Confessions & Fraternity.
Registration & details on

www.dominicans.ie/events/

€70 (lunch, dinner & bus)

Over 18's male event.

Enquiries to op.evangelisation@gmail.com.

KEEPING UP APPEARANCES

LK 12:32-48



Today's Gospel trembles with a tremendous sense of urgency. Jesus tells his followers that they must sell their possessions; they must be dressed for action and have their lamps lit.

They are to be like servants waiting for their master's return. No matter how long it takes their master to return, they are to be ready and waiting. They must not be complacent or be caught off guard. If he catches them unawares, they will pay a heavy price.

Jesus' words are stark, and his warning is clear, and it is meant for each one of us just as much as for his disciples. As people who have heard the Good News, we believe that the Lord is present among us and will come again to take us home to him. So we must be on the alert for his coming. We are to live as if it could happen at any moment. We are to live lives worthy of his followers. If we do this, Jesus promises that our reward will be great indeed. ■

SAY

"Lord, help me to be attentive to your presence. Help me to never lose sight of you. Amen."

LEARN

The Christian awaits with breathless hope the coming of the Lord

The Christian is always ready and prepared for the Lord's coming

DO

Make an examination of conscience. Look at your life, your behaviour, your priorities. How ready are you to meet the Lord when he comes?

PRAY

Pray for those in authority in the church that they will never lord it over others but be always at the service of their sisters and brothers.



REFLECT

The first time Boris Yeltsin visited Washington, DC, President George H.W. Bush was less than impressed. Yeltsin had recently come to prominence in the Soviet Union as a brash rival to Mikhail Gorbachev. He thought a tour of the United States would burnish his credentials as an up and coming statesman, a leader the West would need to take seriously. So he went on a multi-city tour of America that led all the way to an audience with Bush in the White House.

However, Yeltsin was inclined to drink too much. His table etiquette wasn't the best, and his general deportment did him no favours.

He struck George Bush as boorish and crude, especially in comparison with the suave Gorbachev. And Bush didn't think much of his dress sense, either. Yeltsin's suit was ill-fitting and unflattering; his entire appearance was slovenly and unkempt. Yeltsin didn't know how to present himself properly. People in Washington notice these things.

A year later, Yeltsin was back in America. His political star was shining brightly now, he was after winning some major electoral battles in Russia, and there was a spring in his step. He also presented himself differently. His suit and shirt fit perfectly and looked expensive. He came across as more dignified and serious, and everybody in Washington noticed. President Bush was struck by the contrast between the Yeltsin he was meeting now and the one he had encountered the year before. Yeltsin looked a new man.

We don't have to watch reruns of Keeping Up Appearances to know how fixated people can be on dress and presentation. While there can be an element of snobbery to this, it is more than just being obsessed with looks and fashion. It is about dressing appropriately, looking the part. How we dress is about how we present ourselves to the world. It's about proper self-care and social awareness, knowing what is expected of us in any

particular situation. The more care we take, the less likely that we will be embarrassed. So dress is an indicator of preparedness. Wear the appropriate clothes for the proper occasion, and we need never worry.

It is advice that Jesus offers his followers in today's Gospel: "See that you are dressed for action," he says. Make sure you wear the right clothing. Make sure that you are ready.

But ready for what? What are we to prepare for? We are to be ready for whenever the Master returns. We are to be groomed and properly presented for the Master's reappearance, whenever that may be. This is not just a warning about Jesus' coming in glory at the end of time, but about living in a state of watchfulness and attentiveness to the signs of his presence among us here and now.

Are you dressed for action? ■