

Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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32nd Sunday in ordinary time

10th November 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



ANNIVERSARIES

Leitrim

Sat 9th Pauline Kelly, Backaderry
James & Esther O'Rourke
Wed 13th John Joe Malone
Hugh & Sarah McAnulty
Michael & Margaret McCartan (Ballydrummond)
Ellen & James O'Hare
Sat 16th Kieran McCrickard
Ryan Doyle
Hugh & Rose Ann Doyle
Patsy Quinn
PD Cunningham
Rita O'Hare

Gargory

Sun 10th Betty McGreevy
Felix McCartan, Joan Hartnett
& Deceased Family Members

Dromara

Sun 10th Sarah Hughes (Finnis)
Rooney Family (Castlewellan Rd)
Fri 15th Seamus Branniff MM
Sun 17th Mary McEvoy & Bridget Gorman

Dechomet

Sat 16th Patrick Joseph Murphy

November Dead Lists

The names of the dead will be prayed for
at all masses during November.

Please return your lists as soon as possible.

All envelopes are opened and the lists placed in
the basket before the altars.

Collections Dromara Drumgooland

Parish	£759	£1,892
Priest	£675	£1,787

Figures include Oct standing orders

Thank you for continuing to support your parish

Thank You to the people who helped in
the masses for the recently deceased.
Thank you, in particular, to the families who
came out and took part, to those who spread
the invites, to the people who organized the
candles, to the musicians, singers,
readers and altar servers.
We all need God's light.

Southern Area Hospice Collection
£1,829 has been forwarded to the Hospice.
Thank you for your donations.

Congratulations to
Sinead Toman and Martin O'Neill,
to James King and Charlotte Morris
and to Suzanne Doyle and Sarangan
who married recently

Dates for 2025

Confirmation – all three schools
Wed 2nd April 6pm in Dromara

First Communion

St Matthews **Sat 10th May** 11am
St Mary's **Sat 17th May** 10am
St Michael's **Sat 17th May** 12noon

Coffee Morning, Craft Fair and Christmas Raffle

Sun 17th Nov 11am-2pm.

10+ Stalls selling Beautiful bespoke
Christmas Cribs, Ornaments, Flower
Arrangements, Jewellery, Perfumes,
Handmade Soaps, Cup Cakes plus
lots of other gift ideas.

Proceeds in aid of St Michael's PS
and D&D Lourdes Fund.

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Sunday Message

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

Year B • 10 November 2024 • Colour: Green • Psalter Week 4

THE WIDOW'S OFFERING

MARK 12:38-44



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 the Gospel again and reflect on the challenge Jesus places before members of the Church. What am I being asked to do?



Jesus makes a series of charges against the scribes today. He criticises the way they dress, which marks them out as different to the ordinary people who surround them. If that wasn't enough, these scribes have an awful habit of rattling off long winded prayers.

It would be fine if the prayers were directed to God. But unfortunately, it is all for show. The final criticism is the sting in the tail as the poor widows who come forward to pay whatever they owe into the temple treasury. They give everything they have, nearly all they own. They are exploited by the very people who should be serving them. For all these scribes who just sit back and judge and treat others with disdain, they will face a more severe sentence than the sinners they so readily condemn.

This story of the widow's generosity is a mirror to the life and actions of Jesus. He will give everything as an offering to God, he will do so with a generous heart, and in the end, he will have nothing left to give. ■

REFLECT

As this Sunday Message is being published, Ireland has just completed voting in a referendum, where one of the proposals put forward was the removal of mothers from the constitution and their role within the home. In a rather fraught debate between two sides, the proposal was defeated, and the place of mothers in the Irish Constitution remains. This is not the time to list the number of reasons why the amendment was defeated. Suffice to say that the

referendum led many people to reflect on their own experience of motherhood and the continuing value we place on the role of mothers, particularly in the home. Such reflection brought us to a new appreciation of the great sacrifice entailed in raising children. The gift of life is one thing, but the gift of giving your life and sacrificing your life for your children is considered by many as one of the greatest gifts. This is the kind of generosity Jesus speaks of in today's gospel. Most of us have an experience of

giving absolutely everything we have for a project, a person, our family. In the end, we feel fulfilled, we feel we have achieved something worthwhile. Jesus hopes that as his disciples look on today, they will see something of this generosity and apply it to their own lives. He hopes that as a Church, we will be generous with our resources. We are called to give of our time, our talent, our understanding. Like the widow, we may have very little more to give. That's the kind of giving that counts with Jesus. ■