

# Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in ordinary time**  
**25<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

## Weekend Masses

**Sat** 6:00pm Dechomet 7:30pm Leitrim  
**Sun** 9:00am Gargory 11:00am Dromara

## Weekday Masses

**Mon** 9am Leitrim 8pm Dechomet  
**Tues** 10am Dromara  
**Wed** 8pm Leitrim  
**Fri** 7:30pm Dromara

Please note change of times for this week only,  
due to school services.

**Service of Light**  
preparation for Confirmation  
**Mon 26<sup>th</sup>** 7pm Finnis  
**Tues 27<sup>th</sup>** 7pm Dechomet  
**Wed 28<sup>th</sup>** 7pm Magheramayo

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Leitrim

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup>** Henry & Rita O'Hare  
Evelyn Clarke  
Jackie Quail  
**Sat 31<sup>st</sup>** Louie Doyle MM  
Carol Cowan  
John Anthony Cunningham  
Margaret Blaney

### Dromara

**Sun 25<sup>th</sup>** Kathleen, John & Sarah Gordon  
Margaret Mary Reavey  
**Fri 30<sup>th</sup>** Frank, Mary & Patrick Galbraith  
& Deceased Family Members  
**Sun 1<sup>st</sup>** Dan, Liam & Mary Marmion  
& Deceased Family Members

## Diocesan Director of Safeguarding

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**Gargory Altar Rota**  
**Feb** - Helen & Patricia

**Leitrim Cleaners**  
**Feb** - Anne, Joanne, Jeanette

**Collections Dromara Drumgooland**  
Parish £449 £812  
*Thank you for your continued contributions*

**St Brigid's Crosses** will be blessed at  
all masses on **31<sup>st</sup> Jan and 1<sup>st</sup> Feb**  
**Candles** will be blessed on **Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb**

## Readings at Mass

The current lectionary uses the  
Jerusalem Bible translation and in late 2027  
it will move to a new updated translation.  
It would not be advisable to buy a new Sunday  
or Weekday Missal that contains the readings,  
rather wait until the new ones come into print.

*We welcome into Drumgooland Parish*  
*Deaglan Noel O'Neill*  
*and Céala Rose McCartan*

**Peter Morgan's Cottage**  
**Music Night** in Peter Morgan's Cottage,  
**Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Jan at 7:30pm**  
Enjoy music & craic  
with a light supper provided.

## BINGO

Please join the 'Friends of St Michael's  
Parents Group' for **BINGO on Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Feb**  
in the Parish Hall. Doors open at 1:30pm,  
Bingo starts at 2pm. A fun afternoon for all,  
so please come along and show your  
support for the School.

**Dromore Diocesan Historical Society**  
**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 7:30pm**  
**Banbridge Parish Centre**

The Society's first event of its new  
programme is a talk by James Doran entitled  
*"The Saints Next Door" -*  
*The Witness & Example of Saints*  
*Pier Giorgio Frassati & Carlo Acutis."*

Admission £1.  
All welcome

# Sunday Message

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

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## JESUS BEGINS TO PREACH

MATTHEW 4:12-23  
(SHORTER FORM MT 4:12-17)

This passage marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. After John the Baptist is arrested, Jesus leaves Nazareth and settles in Capernaum, a town by the Sea of Galilee. Matthew tells us this fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah: "The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light." Jesus brings light — hope, truth, and healing — to those who feel lost or forgotten.

From the very start, Jesus preaches a simple message: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Repentance doesn't just mean feeling sorry. It means turning around, reorienting your life, and making space for God's presence.

Then Jesus calls His first disciples — fishermen at work Peter and Andrew, James and John. He invites them with just a few words: "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." Amazingly, they leave their nets, their boats, even their families, and follow Him. They don't yet know the full journey ahead, but they trust the One who calls.

This Gospel shows us that Jesus meets us in ordinary places — by the sea, at work, in everyday life — and invites us to follow Him. His light still shines in our darkness today, and His call still echoes: "Follow me." ■

### DO

Read the Gospel passage slowly and prayerfully, then sit in silence for two minutes, simply saying in your heart: "Here I am, Lord — I want to follow You."

### LEARN

Jesus calls us to follow Him with open hearts, to leave behind what holds us back, and to trust that His light will guide us into something greater.

### REFLECT

Jesus begins His ministry with a message that's both simple and challenging: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." That word — repent — can sound harsh, but it really means turn around, change direction, come home to God. Jesus doesn't begin with condemnation — He begins with an invitation.

Matthew tells us that Jesus brings light to those who sit in darkness. And we know that darkness — the darkness of fear, grief, failure, or loneliness. But Jesus enters into that shadow and brings hope. He comes to shine a light, not just for the world, but for each of us personally.

Then He calls His first disciples. They are fishermen — ordinary, hard-working people. Jesus doesn't ask for qualifications or perfection. He simply says, "Follow me." And they do. Not because they understand everything, but because something in His voice tells them this is the way.

Jesus is still calling today — not just the holy or the wise, but you and me. He meets us in our everyday lives, and says: Come with me. I'll lead you into something deeper, something brighter.

So if you feel stuck, tired, or uncertain — listen. His voice is near. The kingdom of heaven is close. And He is calling your name. ■

### SAY

O good Cross, made beautiful by Christ's body  
you have been waiting for me.  
Jesus, I followed You from the shore  
when You called,  
help me now to follow You always —  
with courage, with love, and with joy,  
wherever You may lead.  
Amen.

