

# Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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## Third Sunday of Easter 4<sup>th</sup> May 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  
Fri 7:30pm Dromara

### ANNIVERSARIES

#### Dechomet

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Paddy & Phil Turley  
Nicholas Doyle  
Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Patrick & Mary Doyle (Dechomet)  
Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Mary Teresa Rooney  
Susan Greeran

#### Leitrim

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Barnie Cowan  
Alice Owens  
Theresa & Charlie O'Higgins  
Esther & James O'Rourke  
Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Martin Brown

#### Gargory

Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Marie McEvoy MM  
John Donnelly  
Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Desi Stokesberry MM  
Owens Family (Ballymaginthy)

#### Dromara

Sun 11<sup>th</sup> John & Mary Drake

### Lough Derg Sanctuary of St Patrick Pilgrimage Season

1-Day Retreats Sun 4<sup>th</sup> May,  
Mon 5<sup>th</sup> May, Sun 11<sup>th</sup> May,  
Tue 13<sup>th</sup> May, Sat 17<sup>th</sup> May,  
Sat 24<sup>th</sup> May & Sun 26<sup>th</sup> May

Quiet Day Sat 10<sup>th</sup> May

Residential Retreat  
Fri 16<sup>th</sup> – Mon 19<sup>th</sup> May

3-Day Pilgrimages  
Starting Fri 30<sup>th</sup> May

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### Collections Dromara Drumgooland

Parish £507 £1,062

*Thank you for your continued contributions*

I will attend the sick and housebound this week.

If you want to be added to the list,  
please let me know

Many thanks to all who have been generous  
to **Trócaire**, the amount so far is **£3,637**.

Please leave any boxes/envelopes at the front  
of the church at mass times. Envelopes can be  
placed in the collection baskets

### First Holy Communion

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> May St Matthew's 11am Gargory

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> May St Mary's 10am Dechomet

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> May St Michael's 12 noon Finnis

### Peter Morgan's Cottage Music Session with Ray Fri 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30 pm.

Come, play, sing, recite, dance or just enjoy.

Last night before the Summer break.

Light supper provided.

### Dromara GAC 'Darkness into Light'

Sat 10<sup>th</sup> May 4:30am Walk to Slieve Croob

Money raised will go to 'Inspire NI'.

A quiz will also be held on Sat 10<sup>th</sup> May in  
Kings Bar, Finnis at 8:30pm for the above charity

### Dromore Diocesan Historical Society

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> May 7:30pm

The Society's next event is a talk  
by Joanne Cummins, entitled  
"**Bagenal's Castle and McCann's  
Bakery: A History of the Site.**"

This event will be held onsite in  
Newry & Mourne Museum.  
Attendees will also have an  
opportunity to view some of  
the more important exhibits in  
the Museum's collections.

Limited parking is available  
at the museum.

Members & non-members welcome

### Triathlon of Pilgrimages 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> Aug

(young adults – 18 years to 30 plus)

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Lough Derg & Knock Shrine,

Sun 31<sup>st</sup> Croagh Patrick. Our 3 National

Pilgrimages. A commemorative medal will

be given to all participants. Cost £150 (includes  
B&B, transport & fees for events)

Register before 12<sup>th</sup> May by emailing Frances at  
[youthdirector@dromorediocese.org](mailto:youthdirector@dromorediocese.org)

# Sunday Message

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

## THE WORD

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### JESUS AND THE MIRACULOUS CATCH OF FISH

JN 21: 1-19

After the crucifixion of Jesus, Peter and the disciples return to their old trade of fishing. Jesus's death had struck a blow to their confidence and any sense that they had a mission to carry out was gone.

Their hopes went into the tomb with Jesus and they returned to their old familiar ways. After a long night's fishing, they catch nothing and a figure in the distance, speaking from the shoreline, tells them to try again. They catch a huge haul of fish and the scene is automatically filled with hope once again. It is the disciple who knows him the best, the beloved disciple, who recognises that this figure is Jesus and they sit with him and have a meal. After the meal, Jesus asks Peter three times about the reality of his love. Three times Peter affirms his love. With this profession of faith and love from Peter, Jesus commissions him to care for his flock. ■

## REFLECT

The meeting with Jesus beside the lakeshore can be seen as the story of Peter's repentance and restoration. Others prefer to see it as his Confession, or declaration of faith. His repeated answer "Yes, Lord!" is surely a declaration of love and loyalty. This is really a story about the transformation of Peter and it all happens through the lens of love. His love of Jesus Christ transforms his life. Now which kind of love are we talking about in this Gospel? The great writer CS Lewis, wrote a book called *The Four Loves*:

The first one is the love of affection, the quiet liking you might feel for a cheerful neighbour whom you meet from time to time. Then there is sensual love, the love that unites a couple in a relationship or marriage. The third kind of love is often associated with friendship, a trusting companionship with people with whom we share some real interest. Finally there's Agapé love, which means generous, self-giving love, which we value even when there is nothing tangible to be gained.

In this meeting beside the lake, Peter was not the boastful man who thought he was better than the other disciples but a wiser, humbler heart that would not claim more than he can deliver. What Peter said was, "I love you, Lord; help my lack of love." In our own lives, our lack of love or lack of belief can affect our relationship with Jesus Christ. On this third Sunday of Easter, we join with Peter at the Lakeshore and say, "I love you Lord. Help my unbelief." ■

## DO

Organise a meeting of your parish pastoral council and reflect on how your faith community responds to the needs of people on the margins of society.

## SAY

The Lord makes us capable of fulfilling the works of faith. He gives us the strength to act and to serve with a love which is permeated with his mercy.

## LEARN

'The joy of Easter can be nurtured by encountering the Risen One in the Eucharist.'  
(Pope Francis)

