

# Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time**

**29<sup>th</sup> September 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

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Leitrim

**Sat 28<sup>th</sup>** Cahal Keown MM  
Patricia Quail  
Mary & Jimmy Malone  
John & Bel Malone  
Patsy Madine  
**Sat 5<sup>th</sup>** Anthony Pat McEvoy  
John McCrickard  
Teresa & Stanley Wright & Deceased  
Members of O'Hare Family  
Barney & Joey McAnulty

### Dromara

**Fri 4<sup>th</sup>** In Memory of Rossa Kelly  
**Sun 6<sup>th</sup>** Wesley Hunter

### GARGORY

**Sun 6<sup>th</sup>** Patrick & Kathleen McAtee

### Gargory Altar Rota

**Oct:** Rosaleen & Anne

### Leitrim Cleaners

**Oct:** Anne, Joanne, Jeanette

### Dromara Collectors

**Oct:** Joseph & Brian

### **SVP contact numbers:**

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## Collections Dromara Drumgooland

Parish	£438	£1,135
Pope	£301	£499

*Thank you for continuing to support your parish*

*We welcome into Dromara Parish  
Róise Vize and into Drumgooland Parish  
Ciarán Daniel McDonnell*

**Do This in Memory** programme 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> Oct

Dates for **Confirmation and First Communion** have not been set. When I receive clarity from the Archbishop about the Confirmation Schedule for 2025, dates will be agreed and published.

### Parish Council Meetings

Drumgooland **Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Oct** 8pm  
Dromara **Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Oct** 8pm

### Community Advice Lisburn & Castlereagh (formerly Citizens Advice Bureau)

Many pensioners will suffer this winter following the announcement that the automatic winter Fuel Payment is to be withdrawn. Some pensioners will qualify to get this Payment, others may qualify but have not investigated.

The Community Advice Lisburn & Castlereagh will have their next Advice Clinic in the Lagan Park Centre, Hillsborough Rd, Dromara, on **Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct from 10.30am** and can give advice on what is available and how to apply.

This advice is free and confidential.

Contact: 028 92662251, or email: [calc@calcni.com](mailto:calc@calcni.com) to make an appointment.

### Peter Morgan's Cottage

**Music Sessions** resume on **Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Oct, 7:30pm**.  
Light Supper provided. Everyone welcome.  
Donations greatly appreciated

### Massford Project Association

Massford Project Association is launching a **Community Survey** to ask the community for feedback/ideas regarding Peter Morgan's Cottage. The Survey link can be followed on Peter Morgan's Facebook page or you can get a hard copy from any of the committee members. We would very much appreciate a few moments of your time to complete the survey.

# Sunday Message

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## THE WORD

Year B • 29 September 2024 • Colour: Green • Psalter Week 2

### WHOEVER IS NOT AGAINST US IS FOR US

MK 9:38-43, 47F

There is an exorcist working separately in the community and outside the remit of Jesus and his disciples. By all accounts from this Gospel, he seems to be doing good work and brings healing to the lives of people and doing so in the name of Jesus.

This could be described as a tricky issue for the disciples as earlier in this Gospel, they failed to free a person from the spirit of dumbness. They were unsuccessful and now to make matters worse, there is another exorcist in town who seems to be making an impact within the community.

It is within this context that the disciples approach Jesus and it is clear what their goal is. They want Jesus to reject this outsider. The disciples see him perhaps as a rival and a threat to their own role. Jesus, however, does not see this new person as a threat. As a matter of fact, he embraces him and his good work. 'Anyone who is not against us is for us.' The disciples once again receive a new teaching. ■

#### DO

Think of concrete ways you can go out to your community and bring the love and tenderness of God to the lives of others. No action is too small.

#### SAY

'Whoever is not against us is for us'

#### LEARN

The world offers you comfort, but you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness. Pope Benedict XVI



## REFLECT

As a result of society's experience with COVID, many people fell in love with running and walking. When told we could walk within a 5km radius of our homes, we put on the runners and did something that normally wouldn't have been part of our day. We went out and met people. It was healthy and brought us into contact with others who were in the same boat as ourselves. Running and walking clubs have never been as plentiful and a new wave of fitness events have been born. Being part of a group or club brings with it obvious benefits and as Professor David Small says, 'the presence of others will accord us validity, identity and reality. You cannot be anything if you are not recognised as something.' We have perhaps rediscovered the value of interaction and being part of a group. For this group of disciples in today's Gospel, they have reached a point where they hope to be recognised and accepted in Jesus' name. With this recognition will come validity and identity. Their group has



become established under the leadership of Jesus, but an issue emerges when they fail to show the same recognition and hospitality to those outside of their prestigious circle. We might have some experience ourselves of being part of a group that becomes exclusive and fails to welcome the outsider. Jesus tries to broaden our horizons today by encouraging

us to be tolerant of those who exist outside of our group, outside of our Church. Scripture Scholar Denis McBride states that such tolerance in our Christian faith 'is a reverence for the truth that is always larger than ourselves; it is a profound respect for the freedom of God to move in his chosen ways.' ■