

Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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2nd Sunday after the Nativity
4th January 2026

Weekend Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Mon 9.00am Leitrim

Feast of the Epiphany

Mon 5th 7:30pm Dechomet

Tues 6th 10:00am Dromara

The feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men from the East, together with his Baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast of Cana in Galilee.

There will be no weekday mass on Wed 7th,
Fri 9th, Mon 12th, Tue 13th, Wed 14th

Normal weekend masses on 10th & 11th
These masses will be covered by SMA Priests
from Dromantine

We pray for our recently deceased
Louie Doyle, Backaderry Rd

ANNIVERSARIES

Leitrim

Sat 3rd Patricia O'Prey
Edward H & Rose E Ward
Maurice & Frank McElroy
Sat 10th Patrick & Aidan McAnulty
Bridie & Patsy Madine

Gargory

Sun 4th Francis Cunningham
Peter & Una Gribben

Dromara

Sun 4th Dariush Mehrdash
Eddie & Mary O'Hare (Dunbeg)
Sun 11th Winnie & Jimmy McEvoy

Dechomet

Sat 10th John Fitzpatrick
Margaret Doyle

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Collections	Dromara	Drumgooland
Parish 21 st	£605	£894
Parish 28 th	£1,266	£1,923
Christmas	£2,248	£4,106

Thank You to the parishioners for the very generous collections towards the parishes and myself.

Thank You to all who contributed to the Christmas Masses and who keep the parishes so alive through the year

I will be on holiday from Tues 6th Jan (afternoon)
Wed 14th (evening). For any emergency sick calls
or funerals during this time please try
Fr Brian Brown at 074 9673 1619

Evening Prayer of the Epiphany

Three wonders mark this day we celebrate:
today the star led the Magi to the manger;
today water was changed into wine
at the marriage feast;
today Christ desired to be baptised by John in
the river Jordan to bring us salvation, Alleluia.

Do This in Memory

First Communion preparation programme
will continue on Sat 24th & Sun 25th Jan

We welcome into Dromara Parish
Joey John Fitzpatrick and Lorcan Leo Doyle
and into Drumgooland Parish
Alanna Joan McEvoy

Ordination to the Priesthood

Rev Anthony Moffat will be ordained for
the Diocese in St Colman's Church,
Dromore on **Sun 11th Jan**.
Please remember him in your prayers.

Leitrim Cleaners

Jan - Patricia, Tina, Nadine & Anne

SVDP contact numbers

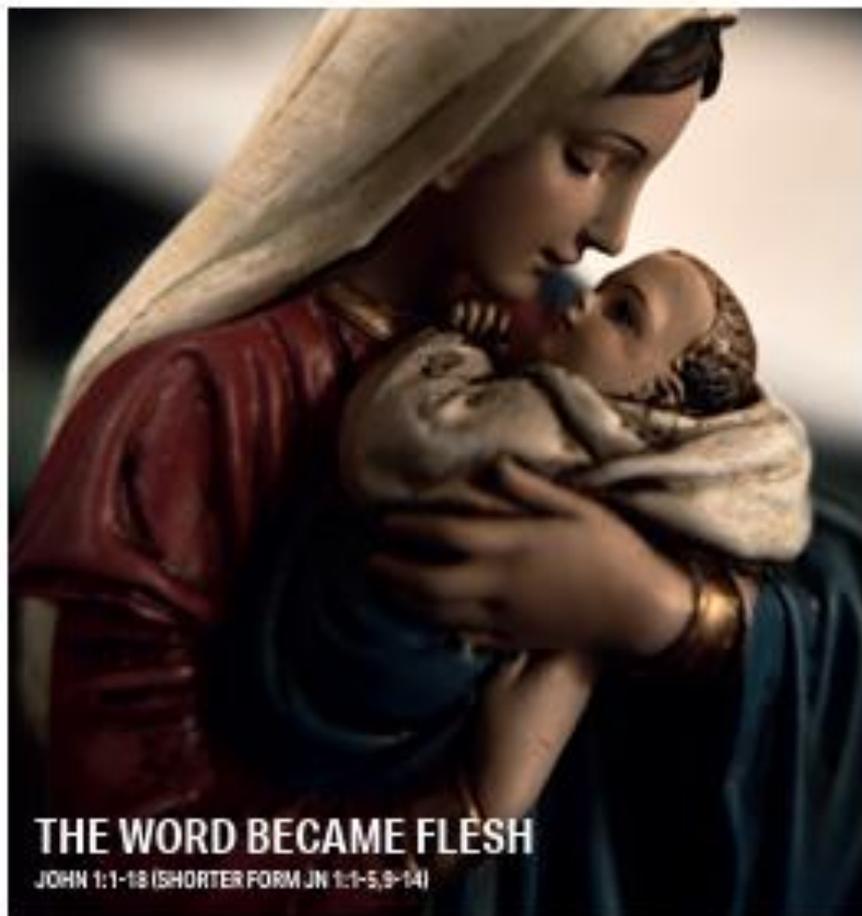
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Sunday Message

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

THE WORD

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THE WORD BECAME FLESH

JOHN 1:1-18 (SHORTER FORM JW 1:1-5, 9-14)

John's Gospel begins not with a story of shepherds or wise men, but with a great mystery: "In the beginning was the Word." These words remind us of the first line of the Bible — "In the beginning, God created..." John wants us to know that Jesus was there from the very start. He is the eternal Word of God — not just sent by God, but truly God Himself.

John says that everything was made through Jesus. He is the source of life and light for all people. But when He came into the world, many did not recognize Him. Some even rejected Him. Still, for those who welcomed Him, He gave a new gift — the chance to become children of God.

The most powerful line is this: "The Word became flesh and lived among us." God chose to become one of us — not distant or above us, but right here, walking our roads, sharing our troubles. In Jesus, we see what God is really like — full of grace and truth.

This passage is not just about who Jesus is, but about how close God wants to be to us. He doesn't shout from far away. He comes near — in love, in mercy, and in person. ■

DO

Take five minutes today in quiet prayer, thanking Jesus for coming close to us — and ask Him to help you see His light in someone you meet today.

LEARN

God became one of us in Jesus, so that we could come to know Him, receive His love, and live as His children.

REFLECT

"In the beginning was the Word." With these opening words, St John takes us beyond Bethlehem, beyond time itself. He draws us into the mystery of Christ — the eternal Word, who was with God, and who is God. This is no ordinary birth story. This is a proclamation: the Creator has stepped into His creation.

"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." God has come close. Not as a thunderclap from the heavens, but wrapped in human skin, lying in a manger. The eternal enters time, not to overwhelm us, but to walk with us — to teach, to heal, to weep, and to redeem.

Mary missed Him. "He came to his own and his own received him not." That line echoes still. It's possible to miss the presence of God even in the middle of religion, even at Christmas. But, "to those who did receive him... he gave power to become children of God."

This Gospel invites us not just to admire Jesus, but to receive Him — into the clutter and complexity of our lives. In the Word made flesh, we see God's glory: not distant, but tender, truthful, and full of grace. Let us make room for Him — not just in church, but in our hearts. ■

SAY

St. John, beloved disciple,
you saw the glory of the Word
made flesh.
Help me to love Jesus as you did,
to stay close to Him in light and in
darkness,
and to share His love with others
through gentle words and faithful
living.
Amen.

