

Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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18th Sunday in ordinary time
3rd August 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

We pray for our recently deceased



ANNIVERSARIES

Leitrim

Sat 2nd Hugh Morgan
Patrick O'Hare
Mon 4th Kevin Mooney
Sat 9th Deceased Members of Cowan Family
Bernard & Ellen Cunningham

Gargory

Sun 10th Pauline Seale MM

Dromara

Sun 3rd Harry McNeill
Bridget & Petsy McGrady
Fri 8th Kathleen, Barney, Gerard & Pat McNeill
Sean McKay
David & Mary Ellen McKay
Sun 10th James McAteer

St Michael's Collectors

Aug - Alex & Declan

Gargory Altar Society

Aug - Marian

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Collections

	Dromara	Drumgooland
Parish	£479	£928
Educ of Priests	£293	£598

Thank you for your continued contributions

The **sick and housebound** will be attended this week. If anyone wishes to be added to the list, please let me know.

We welcome into Drumgooland Parish
Méabh Teresa Cunningham

Congratulations to
Paul Savage & Cushla Savage,
Niall Branniff & Nikki Rice
Jane McAleenan & Chris Doran
who were married in July

Annual Cairn Sunday Walk

takes place on **Sun 3rd Aug.**

Walk from Peter Morgan's Cottage/Dree Hill/Slieve Croob. Return by Pass Loanan. 7 miles/ 11k approx. 2-2 1/2 hours.

Meet at Cottage 9am, walk starts at 9:30am.

Boots recommended. No Dogs.

Refreshments at Cottage on return.

Everyone welcome.

Donations for Cottage are welcome.

Queries 077 0801 7219

NI Blood Transfusion Service

Blood donation session

Mon 11th Aug 12:30pm-19:30pm

St Malachy's High School

The link to book an appointment is:

<https://nibts.hscni.net/online-booking-for-blood-donation-appointments/>

'Pilgrims of Hope'

National Novena at Knock

13th - 21st Aug

Ceremonies 3pm & 8pm in Knock Basilica.

Workshops 12:45pm in St John's Welcome Centre

Themed Guided Prayer 11:15am & 5:15pm

Witness Walk Thur 21st at 6:45pm

Lough Derg One Day Retreats

Guided Days of Prayer and Reflection

Aug 19th, 23rd, 24th, 25th & 30th

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GETTING OUR PRIORITIES RIGHT

LK 12:13-21

The parable of the wealthy landowner is one of the most chilling of all the parables of Jesus.

As he sees his barns unable to hold the year's bumper harvest, the landowner begins to talk to his soul or to 'think out loud.' He makes big plans for the future. He needs new barns to hold an even bigger harvest. Then, he will be able to retire, pay a steward to look after the running of the estate, and say to his soul, 'eat, drink and be merry.' Life will be good.

But he has left one vital element out of his calculations: no one knows how long a lease they have on life. This man is destined to die in the coming night, and what good will all his wealth be then?

In his greed and self-absorption, in his arrogance and complacency, the landowner had focused solely on earthly things – money, comfort, pleasure – and had forgotten about heavenly things. He had no concern for anyone or anything other than himself. He had no time for God. He failed to put God first.

The story of the rich landowner is deeply challenging. It is not a sin to be well-off or even to put one's human energies into a business that brings in a good profit. Where the moral issues arise is in the kind of stewardship we exercise over wealth. At creation, God committed the earth and its wealth to the first human beings to cultivate it and care for it. We cannot, for example, make limitless profit from the earth in a way that endangers its climate, or pay subsistence wages to sweat-shop workers in poor countries in order to pile our shop counters high with cheap goods. We cannot exploit for personal gain. Sins like these and many others can be traced back to the deadly or root sin of greed. ■

REFLECT

How do we define success in today's world? What criteria do we commonly use? To be successful is to make it onto the Sunday Times Rich List. It is to own properties in the right places, or to feature regularly in the gossip columns and magazines that follow the lives of the rich and famous.

If we don't meet this definition of success, we can at least dream about it and work for it. We can seek to be online 'influencers.' We can buy Lottery tickets in the hope we'll strike it lucky; we can gamble on the horses; we can work 24/7 to build up our business; we can play the stock market.

All of which can be okay so long as we do not forget the point that Jesus makes in today's Gospel. There is only one prize worth going for, one treasure we must seek above all else – eternal life among the communion of saints in God's heavenly kingdom. The way we do that is to love God and neighbour and to do God's will. If we do that, then we will be rich indeed. ■

DO

Take the risk of giving – giving up, giving away. It will set you free. And you'll find that it's not just the Lord who loves the cheerful giver.

Think about your priorities. When all is said and done, what is most important to you?



SAY

"Lord, help me to work for the treasure that truly counts."

PRAY

In your prayer this week, ask the Lord to strengthen your faith so that you will see it as the greatest of all treasures.

LEARN

The Christian puts God first in everything

Greed and avarice are contrary to the Gospel

'Vanity' is a translation of the Hebrew word *hebel*, which means 'vapour' or 'breath,' i.e. something insubstantial and ephemeral, something you cannot grasp or hold onto. It's the key word in the Book of Ecclesiastes, occurring 38 times