

Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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St Brigid's Day 1st February 2026

Weekend Masses

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

Weekday Masses

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Leitrim

Sat 31st **Louie Doyle MM**
Carol Cowan
John Anthony Cunningham
Margaret Blaney
Deceased Members of McMullan
Family, Legananny

Sat 7th Fr Jim Mooney
Dominic McElroy
Patsy McGlue

Dromara

Sun 1st Dan, Liam & Mary Marmion
& Deceased Family Members
Fri 6th Winnie & Gerry Dunniece
Dan & Maud Rice & Deceased
Family Members
Sun 8th Peter McEvoy & Martin Drake

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SVDP contact numbers

Dromara 07738 838191
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Gargory Altar Rota
Feb - Helen & Patricia

Leitrim Cleaners
Feb - Anne, Joanne, Jeanette

Collections Dromara Drumgooland
Parish £ 607 £803

Thank you for your continued contributions

The sick and housebound will be attended
this week (weather permitting)

St Brigid's Blessing



May Brigid bless the house wherein you dwell.
Bless every fireside, every wall and door.
Bless every heart that beats beneath its roof.
Bless every hand that toils to bring its joy.
Bless every foot that walks its portals through.
May Brigid bless the house that shelters us.

BINGO

Please join the 'Friends of St Michael's
Parents Group' for **BINGO on Sun 1st 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.

We welcome into Drumgooland Parish
Connie Mabel & Cody Gerry McPolin

Dromore Diocesan Historical Society
Mon 2nd 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

SAINT BRIGID, ABBESS,
SECONDARY PATRON OF IRELAND FEAST

THE WORD

Year A • 1 February 2026 • Colour: White • Psalter Week 4



THE BEATITUDES

MATTHEW 5:1-12

In this passage, Jesus goes up a mountain and begins to teach the crowds. What He says is surprising — even revolutionary. He doesn't praise the strong or the successful. Instead, He calls the poor in spirit, the gentle, the grieving, the merciful, the peacemakers, and even the persecuted "blessed."

The world often tells us that blessing means wealth, comfort, or popularity. But Jesus turns that upside down. He shows us that God's blessing is found in humility, compassion, and a heart open to others — even in suffering.

To be "poor in spirit" means knowing our need for God. To be "meek" is not weakness, but strength that is kind. Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness are people who long to see justice and goodness in the world.

Jesus isn't offering a list of rules — He's painting a picture of the kind of people who live close to God. And more than that, He is describing Himself. The Beatitudes show us the heart of Christ.

When we try to live them — even imperfectly — we reflect His light in the world. The road may be hard, but Jesus promises: "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." ■

LEARN

True blessing isn't about wealth or success — it's about having a heart like Christ: humble, merciful, peaceful, and open to God, even in difficulty.

DO

Choose one Beatitude to focus on today — for example, being merciful or making peace — and find one simple way to live it out in your words or actions.

SAY

Father God,
Thank You for the example of Jesus,
who blesses the poor in spirit and
the peacemakers.

Help me to open my heart to Your
grace,
to show mercy to others,
and to stand strong in faith even in
difficult times.
Amen.

REFLECT

FEAST OF ST. BRIGID

In today's Gospel, Jesus climbs the mountain and sits down to teach—a sign that something important is about to be revealed. What follows is the heart of Christian living: the Beatitudes. "Blessed are the poor in spirit... blessed are the peacemakers... blessed are the pure in heart." These aren't just ideals—they are a way of life, a pattern for holiness.

And how fitting that we celebrate these words on the feast of St. Brigid. Brigid lived these Beatitudes—not with grand gestures, but through quiet faithfulness. She gave food to the hungry, opened her home to the poor, and created spaces of peace and prayer in a land still being shaped by the Gospel. She was poor in spirit, because she trusted not in wealth but in God. She was merciful, because her heart was moved by the needs of others. She was a peacemaker, building unity in a divided world.

The Beatitudes are not just for saints of old. They are for us—today. We live them when we comfort the grieving, offer kindness instead of judgement, and seek justice with humility. Like Brigid, we may never be famous. But we can be faithful.

So today, let us ask St. Brigid to pray for us. That our lives, like hers, may reflect the blessing of Christ—not loud or proud—but rooted in love, simplicity, and peace.

St. Brigid of Kildare, pray for us. ■