

# Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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## Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity 15<sup>th</sup> June 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

### Recently deceased

*Roseann McElroy, Drumgooland Rd*

### ANNIVERSARIES

#### Dechomet

**Sat 14<sup>th</sup>** Rosaleen Turley  
Bernard, Margaret & Patrick Doyle

**Sat 21<sup>st</sup>** Seamus & Phyllis Doyle &  
Brian & Marcella Doyle

#### Leitrim

**Sat 14<sup>th</sup>** Winnie McCrickard MM  
Bernadette Savage

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup>** John & Marie Love

**Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>** Sam Duggan

#### Gargory

**Sun 15<sup>th</sup>** Seamus Gribben  
Noel King

#### Dromara

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup>** James & Mary McKay (*Levalleyreagh*)

### Dromara GAC Annual Darkness into Light Walk & Quiz on Sat 10<sup>th</sup> May raised £1,245!

Thanks to everyone who attended the walk, quiz,  
bought raffle tickets, donated to the fundraising  
page, and to those who donated prizes to the raffle.  
Thanks also to Declan for hosting the quiz and to  
James and Charlotte of King's Bar, Finnis.

### SVP contact numbers

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**Diocesan Safeguarding Officer:** Stephen Sherry  
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### Collections

### Dromara Drumgooland

Parish	£597	£1,312
Priest	£698	£1,342

*Figures include May standing orders*

*Thank you for your continued contributions*

### Clonard Novena June

Bus travelling to the Novena on:

**Thur 19<sup>th</sup> Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> & Wed 25<sup>th</sup>**

Leaving Kilcoo 6pm & Castlewellan 6:10pm

Anyone wishing to travel please call

Kate on 077 5955 8654

### Jubilee Year of Hope

#### June Events

#### Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Corpus Christi Procession 3pm

The procession will begin in St Catherine's  
Dominican Church, Dominic St, Newry and  
make it's way to the Cathedral for Benediction

#### Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Mass Rock Commemoration 3pm

The Mass Rock is sited in a beautiful, secluded  
setting in the townland of Ballyholland, giving an  
appreciation of the hardship our forbearers endured  
to attend their weekly Mass, risking their lives.

### Dromore Diocesan Historical Society

#### Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 7pm Shankill Cemetery, Lurgan

The Society's next event in its 2025 programme  
is a conducted tour and talk by Jim Conway in  
Shankill Old Graveyard, Lurgan, commencing  
at 7:00pm. Attendees should assemble at the  
Dean's Walk (BT66 6HJ) entrance to the cemetery.  
Parking is available in the Wesley Place carpark  
off William St, a short distance away  
(approx. 5 mins walk).

See our Facebook page Seanchas Dhroim Mór.

All members and non-members welcome.

### St Michael's PS Finnis

#### 'Clothing Bank' Fundraiser

We would like to appeal to our community  
to recycle their unwanted clean clothes  
and textiles like bed sheets, curtains  
(*not pillows/duvets*) towels and shoes by  
placing them in bin bags and taking them to  
**St Michael's PS, Finnis on Wed 25<sup>th</sup> June  
and Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> June between 8am - 5pm.**  
Thank you for your continued support.

# Sunday Message

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

THE WORD

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Today we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Trinity. We say that the Trinity is a mystery, but it's a mystery that comes from the depths of our knowing who God is. The great truth about God in the Old Testament was that God communicated with human beings.

God was active in their history through the Spirit that spoke the divine Word through the Law and the Prophets. The great truth about God in the New Testament is that God took on human form in Jesus. The church's doctrine of the Trinity tells us that God is a community of three persons who love one another, who communicate with one another so intimately, so intensely, that they become one.

The relationship between Father, Son and Holy Spirit gives us a glimpse into the inner life of God. It's a relationship of love, a model of how we are to relate to each other. ■

## DO

Each time you make the Sign of the Cross, think about what you are doing and the words that you say.

## PRAY

The Trinity is about relationship. Pray for a deepening of your relationship with those you love.

## SAY

"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come. Amen."

## LEARN

"The Most Holy Trinity is not the product of human reasoning; it is the face with which God himself revealed himself, not from the height of a Cathedra, but walking with humanity. It is precisely Jesus who revealed the Father and promised us the Holy Spirit. God walked with his people in the history of the people of Israel and Jesus has always walked with us and has promised us the Holy Spirit, who is fire, who teaches us all the things that we do not know, who guides us from within, he gives us good ideas and good inspirations."

Pope Francis

## REFLECT

The church's doctrine of the Trinity tells us that God is a community of three persons who love one another so deeply that the three become one. But when we talk about Trinitarian love, we're not describing an abstract, unfathomable, idealistic kind of love. We're describing the concrete love Jesus showed when he walked among us, that so many people show today. Feed the poor. Care for the sick. Forgive the one who hurts you. Defend the weak. Free the oppressed - to do any or all of these is to show love.

People show love like this every day. Think of parents who care for special needs children. Or grandparents who pick up the pieces when their child's marriage collapses. Or groups like the St Vincent de Paul who help hold a community together. All are putting love into practice, the kind of love at the heart of the Trinity, the love that makes the three one.

There are numerous examples of love in action, but we know all too well how hard it is to love generously, selflessly.

Trinitarian love must shape our community, our society. One where the needs of the most vulnerable are paramount, where the poor are cared for and social divisions crumble, where all have access to affordable housing, and immigrants and refugees are treated with dignity. We know we have a lot to do to build a society where love guides everything.

Trinitarian love must guide our church. In fact, if it's visible anywhere, it should be in the church - founded by Jesus, inspired by the Spirit, protected by the Father. Yet we are well aware of the scandals in our church; of divisions between those on the left and those on the right; of power plays and disunity, of people who feel excluded because of their gender or sexuality or

a mistake made in the past. We know we have a lot to do to build a church where love guides everything.

Trinitarian love must guide our individual and family lives. My relationship with others must reflect the love that makes the Trinity. But I know how hard this is, because there's a big selfish element in me - in most of us. All too often, I end up doing what suits me rather than the loving thing. In an era where so many relationships sunder, where the emphasis is on satisfying individual needs, where there's an aggressive individualism on the loose, we know how difficult it is to live as people where love guides everything.

A beautiful Taizé chant describes it well: *Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est*. Where love exists, there is God. That's the Trinity. Living loving lives is how we celebrate the Trinity. ■