

Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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2nd Sunday of Lent
16th March 2025

Weekend Masses

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

Weekday Masses



St Patrick's Day

Sun 16th 7pm Leitrim 8pm Dromara
Mon 17th 10am Gargory 7:30pm Dechomet
Tues 9:00am Dromara
Wed 7:30pm Leitrim
Fri 7:30pm Dromara

First Confession

Tues 25th Mar 7pm St Michael's

ANNIVERSARIES

Leitrim

Sat 15th Margaret McCrickard
Anne Bannon
Malachy Savage
Noleen Hardy
Sun 16th Patrick & Susan Rice
Wed 19th Paddy Savage (*Backaderry*)
Patsy McKay
Anne McCabe
Sat 22nd James Malone
James Gerard Kelly (*Backaderry*)

Dechomet

Sat 22nd John Sweeney

Dromara

Sun 16th Mary Hughes (*Derry*)

Cemetery Sunday 25th May 2025

SVP contact numbers

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Diocesan Safeguarding Officer: Stephen Sherry
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Collections Dromara Drumgooland

Parish	£745	£1,622
Priest	£668	£1,901

Figures include Feb standing orders

Thank you for your continued contributions

A group of children will gather at **St Patrick's grave at 5:45am on St Patrick's Day** to pray the Lord's prayer, one hundred times for peace and unity in Christ among our peoples. Everyone welcome.

St Michael's PS 60th Anniversary

Our School Community would like to invite you to celebrate and reflect on the history of St Michael's PS, Finnis, and give thanks to those that have gone before us, whilst expressing pride in the current and future members of the community at our 60th Anniversary Mass **on Sun 23rd Mar at 11am** in St Michael's Chapel Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Parish Hall. Everyone welcome! Please share with all our past pupils, young and old!

Join us on the Irish Synodal Pathway!

To prepare for the 2026 *National Synodal Assembly for Ireland*, the Diocese of Dromore invites you to attend a consultation evening

Wed 2nd Apr 7pm Newry Parish Centre, or
Wed 9th Apr 7pm Lurgan Parish Centre

You can either complete the required pre-reading independently or attend an online orientation event via Zoom on **Wed 26th Mar 7pm** Register by **19th Mar** www.dromorediocese.org

Quiz - Cancer Research

Dromara Branch of Cancer Research

Fri 21st Mar 7.30pm, King's, Finnis

Team of six, max. Entry fee £5 per person
Raffle on the night.

All support most welcome

Lourdes Pilgrimage 8th to 13th Jun

18 to 30 year olds

An opportunity to experience Lourdes, plus work with the Pilgrims of Dromore Diocese.

For more information email:

youthdirector@dromorediocese.org

or phone 028 3083 3898

Name and deposit (£150) by **Fri 21st Mar**

Sunday Message

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

THE WORD

Year C • 16th March 2025 • Colour: Violet • Psalter Week 2



THE TRANSFIGURATION

LK 9: 28-36

The story of the transfiguration is told each year on this Sunday. This is because in each of the gospels, it comes after Jesus has warned his disciples that he will be rejected in Jerusalem and suffer the ultimate penalty.

There are, therefore, two aspects to the story of the transfiguration. One is that it affirms Jesus' identity as the beloved of God despite the shadow of the cross that now hangs over his ministry. The second is that it serves as a reminder to the disciples that their task as they accompany Jesus on the road to Jerusalem is to really listen to him. This puts our Lenten efforts into the right context as the sole purpose of the season is to bring us to a closer relationship with Jesus and to understand more fully the meaning of his passion, death and resurrection.

This gospel challenges all the easy reductions that we make about Jesus: Jesus the inspiring teacher, Jesus the compassionate preacher, Jesus the friend of the poor. He is all these, but he is also the One who comes from the Father, the One who, we believe, was prepared for by the prophets, the One who stands at the centre of history. The transfiguration calls us to expand our labels or definitions we might have of Jesus. The Lord of history is transfigured with these earlier prophets each side of him, and Peter wants to set up a campsite! This shows the intimacy with which the human and the divine are present in Jesus: he is with his friends and interacts with them; he is present in the glory of God. God is always greater, and what we can say about God is what we can see in Jesus. ■

REFLECT

After reading this Gospel passage, we can very easily be drawn to our own mountain top experiences. The last mountain I climbed was in Newcastle in Co. Down and I reached the top of Slieve Donard by lunch time. A climb that's surrounded by beauty and is an experience that stays in the mind for some time. You have your own experiences of beauty and connection to nature that you can share and places I'm sure you return to time and time again to reenergise the mind and body. Some of us might talk about a real sense of God's presence as we encounter the peace and beauty and stillness of being on a mountain.

You could probably say the same about the followers of Jesus in today's Gospel. They were energised by what they saw, the beauty of the scene was striking on top of the mountain as the clothing of Jesus changed to a brilliant white. They are transformed by the presence of God, which shone through Jesus. This journey with Jesus is an intimate one and the memory of their encounter with God will nourish their lives and their ministry forever. ■

DO

Take some time in silence this week to reflect on how you imagine the scene of the Transfiguration.



SAY

Transform us into the likeness of the love of Christ, Who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity.

LEARN

"Lord you have made us for yourself, therefore our hearts are restless until they rest in you." (Saint Augustine)