

Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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29th Sunday in ordinary time
19th October 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

Masses for the Feast of All Saints 1st Nov

Fri 31st Oct 7:30pm Dromara

Sat 1st Nov 10am Gargory

The Feast of All Souls will be celebrated at the masses on Sat evening and Sun morning

November Dead Lists

are available at the back of the churches

November Masses for Recently Deceased

Mon 3rd Dechomet

Wed 5th Leitrim

Fri 7th Finnis

All at 7:30pm

ANNIVERSARIES

Dechomet

Sat 18th Michelle Doyle

Leitrim

Sat 18th Mary, Jimmy, John & Bel Malone
Marc McAnulty

Wed 22nd Bridie McElroy MM

Sat 25th John Smith

Dromara

Sun 19th Edward McBride
Peter, Catherine, Peter & James McKenny

Tue 21st Bernard McCann

Gargory

Sun 26th Mary Rose McKay MM

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We welcome into Drumgooland Parish
Henry Bernard John Allen

Collections Dromara Drumgooland

Parish £1,023 £1,878

Priest £859 £1,540

Family Care £314 £525

Figures include Sep standing orders

Thank you for your continued contributions

Drumgooland Parish Council Meeting Mon 27th Oct 8pm

Leitrim Cemetery

Thank you for your patience and co-operation during the work. No vehicular access is allowed when the workers are present. When the tarmac goes down the driveway will be closed for a few days.

The Choir Studio presents

Songs of Light & Hope

An evening of music, hope & reflection in support of the Lectio mission

Sun 19th Oct 6pm

St Catherine's Dominican, Newry

Featuring The Uplifted Gospel Choir, The Young at Heart's, The Shining Light Choir, Fr Joseph Ralph & members of the Lectio Community

Donations welcome to the Lectio Centre

The Rosary will be prayed at the **Windy Gap** on **Sat 25th Oct at 8pm sharp**

St Matthew's Magheramayo Fundraiser

Friends of St Matthew's Magheramayo are organising a sponsored walk at the GAC Pitch on **Sun 26th Oct at 10am**

followed by a cuppa in the Hall and 100 square with prizes. Open to all community.

Peter Morgan's Cottage

How to Trace Your Family History with Trevor Martin

second night **Wed 22nd Oct at 7.30pm**

Bring your questions, research and enjoy a light supper.

Halloween Music Night

31st Oct from 7.30pm

Music, Song & Supper

Share your spooky stories & jokes or sit back and enjoy the craic!

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Sunday Message

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

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KEEP ON PRAYING

LK 18:1-8

The widow is persistent. She won't give up. She keeps asking the judge for justice, even though it is clear he's not interested in her case. After all, he is an unjust judge who has no fear of God and no respect for people. The pleadings of a mere widow cut no ice with him.

But she won't leave him alone. She won't desist. The woman wants justice and she's determined to get it. Maybe she's being cheated out of her inheritance, or is being abused in some way, but whatever the reason she is utterly convinced she has right on her side.

And then the judge gives in, not because he is interested in justice or moved with compassion, but because he's afraid of her. When he says that the widow will 'worry him to death,' what the Greek text literally says is: 'she will hit me under the eye.' In other words, the judge who neither fears God nor respects people grants her request because he is scared the widow will give him a black eye.

The message of the parable is this: Prayer isn't simply saying pious words. Like the persistent widow, we can't be content merely to pray for whatever it is we seek, we must actively seek it. ■

SAY

"Lord, help me to never lose heart. Help me to trust in you at all times. Amen."

DO

Look at your prayer life. Why do you pray? How often do you pray?

LEARN

The Christian knows the importance of prayer

The Christian knows that God is close to him or her

PRAY

Today is Mission Sunday. Pray for the Church's missionary work throughout the world and for missionaries everywhere.



REFLECT

Many years ago, a Redemptorist colleague offered three tips on how to pray that I have never forgotten.

The first is this: Pray the way you can – not the way you can't. There are lots of different ways to pray and different forms of prayer. Use the method that suits you best. Some pray the rosary. Some recite prayers they learned by rote as children. Others like meditation or lectio divina or eucharistic adoration or spiritual reading.

The point is, there is no right or wrong way to pray. All that is important is that you do pray. So, pray the way you can – not the way you can't.

Second tip: Say what you mean. In other words, be honest with God. Honesty and frankness are essential in any relationship, and it's the same with our relationship with God. If you feel angry with God, let it out. If you're full of joy, let it show. If you feel

anxious or upset about something, express it. If you feel bored, express that, too.

The Book of Job is a wonderful example of honesty in prayer. Job feels so upset, bewildered, angry over the undesired misfortune that has befallen him, and he lets God know it in no uncertain terms. He is not afraid to tell God exactly how he feels. In Gethsemane, Jesus, full of raw emotion, cries out to God in his pain and anguish. He doesn't hold back. The Book of Psalms contains prayers for almost every occasion. So, tip two: Say what you mean. Whatever it is you want to say to God, say it.

Third tip: Mean what you say. There are two aspects to meaning what you say. First, to really think about what you're saying. There is a danger when we pray that we go through the motions. We rattle off a prayer without really focusing on the words. It's easy to get distracted. It happens to me all the time. I start to pray and before I know it, I'm planning tomorrow's work schedule or wondering about a meeting I

have that afternoon, or how well Liverpool will do in the Premier League next season. Distractions, failure to concentrate, are a constant challenge to prayer. When it happens just refocus, and get back on track.

The second aspect to this third tip is this: Practice what you pray; live what you profess. When we pray the Our Father and say the words 'as we forgive those who trespass against us' – the challenge is to forgive those who trespass against us. The challenge is to do what we say, to make good what we pray.

When we gather around the Eucharistic table in praise and thanks and pledge to serve our brothers and sisters as one family united in love, then that is what we must try to do. We go from church to world to try to live what we profess. So, tip three: when you pray, mean what you say.

These three tips are easy to remember. The challenging bit is to try to put them into practice. ■