

Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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27th Sunday in ordinary time
5th 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

**The sick and housebound will be
attended this week**

ANNIVERSARIES

Leitrim

Sat 4th Anthony Pat McEvoy
John McCrickard
Teresa & Stanley Wright & Deceased
Family Members
Patrick Joseph & Mary Theresa Morgan
Sat 11th Mary Jo Malone MM
Rory Savage

Gargory

Sun 5th Patrick & Kathleen McAtee

Dechomet

Sat 11th Bernard McElroy

Masses for Recently Deceased in November

Mon 3rd Dechomet

Wed 5th Leitrim

Fri 7th Finnis

All at 7:30pm

Leitrim Cleaners: Oct - Anne, Joanne & Jeanette

Gargory Altar Rota: Oct - Carmel & Geraldine

Dromara Collectors: Oct - Jimmy & Joe

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*We are still unable to upload the **Bulletin
& Sunday Message** to the Parish website.*

*We hope to resolve this very soon.
Apologies for the inconvenience.*

Collections	Dromara	Drumgooland
Parish	£502	£966

Thank you for your continued contributions

Leitrim Cemetery Driveway

The driveway will be tarmaced and new kerbing installed in Oct. When the work has begun, no vehicles will be allowed into the cemetery. There will be heavy machinery in place, so access to the graves will be limited. I apologise for the inconvenience during the work.

Get ready to lift your voices!

The **Youth Choir** is kicking off once again on **Wed 5th Oct**, from 6:15pm to 7pm at Leitrim Church. We warmly invite all young singers, both new and returning, from Primary 1 and up to join us for an exciting season of music and fun. *Come be a part of our harmonious community!*

Please join the 'Friends of St Michael's Parents Group' for **BINGO on Sun 5th Oct** in the Parish Hall. **Doors open at 2.30pm, Bingo starts at 3pm.** A fun afternoon for all, so please come along and show your support for the School.

Collect Weekend Retreat 31st Oct-2nd Nov

*Fear. Hope. Mercy. A Recollection Weekend
on the Four Last Things*

Tí Chulainn Centre, Mullaghbawn Co Armagh
An opportunity for adult Catholics who would like to go deeper in their faith and life more truly in the light of that for which they were created to come together in prayer and reflection. Sacraments, Conferences, Silence, Community and more. Retreat Leader: Fr Patrick Desmond OP. Fully residential with full board - non residential rates available also - all details online. For more info visit www.thecollect.ie or email info@thecollect.ie

*We welcome into Drumgooland Parish
Leo Patrick O'Reilly*

The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference
have published a pastoral message titled

'Why Sunday Matters -

an invitation to reflect on Sunday Mass'

It can be accessed online at the following location:

[https://www.catholicbishops.ie/wpcontent/
uploads/2025/08/WhySunday-Matters_2025
final-forapproval-003.pdf](https://www.catholicbishops.ie/wpcontent/uploads/2025/08/WhySunday-Matters_2025_final-forapproval-003.pdf)

Sunday Message

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

Year C • 5 October 2025 • Colour: Green • Psalter Week 3

DUTY CALLS

LK 17:5-10



When Jesus or the writers of the New Testament talk about faith, they don't mean simply believing a set of statements such as we find in the Creed. Faith in the biblical sense means the kind of trust you have in someone that makes you risk everything to follow them.

This is the kind of faith the disciples ask of Jesus as they make their way to Jerusalem. Jesus replies that even if their faith were the size of a mustard seed, it could do great things. In the Gospels, the mustard seed is an example of something very tiny that possesses great potential for growth. Indeed, St Matthew says that faith the size of a mustard seed moves mountains (Mt 17:20). Whether Jesus spoke about mountains or mulberry trees isn't important. What is important is how he challenges his followers to have the kind of faith that will make us aspire to do things that might seem beyond our ordinary capacity.

Jesus then uses a parable to describe what is expected of servants. The situation he depicts would have been familiar to his audience, a medium-sized farmer who can afford to employ a single worker as a kind of jack-of-all-trades. The work would have included working in the fields and also helping around the house. It would be unthinkable for someone who employed such a servant to prepare the servant's dinner and wait on the servant at table. It would have been the other way around. Jesus applies the parable directly to his disciples. They have no right to expect special treatment for doing what is expected of them – they are simply servants of the Kingdom of God.

We could say that today's Gospel is about two of the basic attitudes that should characterise the disciple of Jesus. The first is the need for a strong faith and trust that won't be daunted even by things that look impossible. Saints are people who don't take no for an answer when they face great obstacles. The second is the need for an attitude of humility that doesn't expect to be thanked simply for doing what is required of them. It is the direct opposite of the attitude of the Pharisee who expected public recognition for every act of piety. ■

SAY

Repeat the words of the apostles in today's Gospel. Say slowly and prayerfully: "Lord, increase our faith."

PRAY

God gives faith to all who ask for it. Pray for the light of faith and for the strength to live out its implications.

LEARN

Real faith is not just assent to a list of teachings. It is belief in a person. It is a deep relationship with God who reveals himself to us in Jesus

The gift of faith is the greatest treasure one can possess

To live the Gospel is to do our duty

REFLECT

Sometimes we can be tempted to think we deserve credit for doing our Christian duty. We go to Mass regularly; we contribute financially to the Church; we say our prayers; we try our best to live the Gospel every day. We consider ourselves to be good Catholics. So, when we think of all those who have fallen away from the practice of the faith, or have lost the faith altogether, we might conclude we deserve recognition, some kind of reward. Surely, God is mightily pleased with us and will thank us for our faithfulness.

But what does Jesus say in today's Gospel? "When you have done all you have been told to do, say, 'We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty.'"

What Jesus is saying is simple but not very comforting. No worker, no teacher, no student, no parent expects special recognition simply for doing what is expected of them. The same applies to his followers. He is reminding us that we are merely servants, and therefore should never expect a special reward or honour or bonus or pat on the back for doing what as Christians we are called to do anyway. We shouldn't expect to be congratulated simply for fulfilling our baptismal promises. It's like rewarding someone just for turning up for work.

Jesus is reminding us that we have received something precious, to be treasured – the gift of faith. This is no ordinary gift. To live a life of faith is merely to do our duty. That will bring its own rewards. ■

DO

Think about what your faith means to you. Why do you continue to practise your faith when so many others have given it up? What difference does it make to your day-to-day living?

