

Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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Second Sunday in ordinary time

18th January 2026

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Dechomet

Sat 17th Mickey Turley

Leitrim

Wed 21st Mary Cecilia Murphy
Sat 24th Henry & Rita O'Hare
Evelyn Clarke

Dromara

Fri 16th Dean Tony Davies & Terry Davies
Fri 23rd Eilis Kennedy & Rose McVeigh
Sun 25th Kathleen, John & Sarah Gordon
Margaret Mary Reavey

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
will run from 18th to 25th January.

The theme this year is:

*'There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called
to the one hope of your calling'
(Ephesians 4:4).*

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Collections	Dromara	Drumgooland
Parish	£871	£1,650
Priest	£826	£2,214

*Figures include Dec standing orders
Thank you for your continued contributions*

Do This in Memory

First Communion preparation programme
will continue on **Sat 24th & Sun 25th Jan**

Children's Heartbeat Trust

Any person who wishes to make a donation
to the Trust in memory of Louie Doyle,
please place the donation in an envelope
marked 'Heartbeat' and place it in the
collection basket at mass.
All envelopes will be passed on
to the Doyle Family.

St Michael's, Finnis

Choir Practice in St Michael's Church, Finnis
from **6pm to 7pm on Wed 21st Jan.**
New members of all ages very welcome.

Peter Morgan's Cottage

Music Night in Peter Morgan's Cottage,
Fri 30th Jan at 7:30pm
Enjoy music & craic
with a light supper provided.

Spiritual Exercises:

5 Day Silent Ignatian Retreat for Men

Led by Benedictine Monks
from St Joseph's Abbey, in France.

Starts Thurs 30th April (3pm)
in Benburb Priory, Co. Tyrone
(1.5 hrs from Dublin)

€450 (all meals & single room included)

Daily Mass - Ordinary Form (Latin & ad orientem)

*Discover the strength that only comes when
you stop running and let God speak*

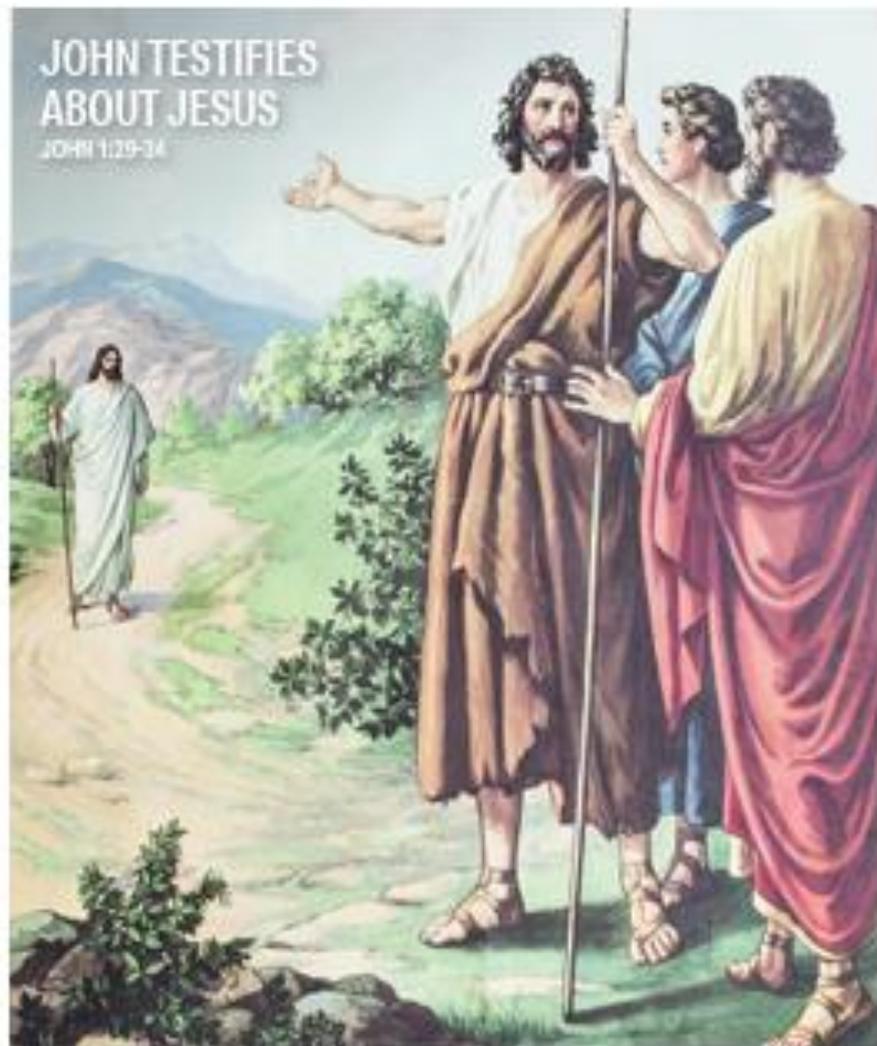
Book at: <https://soutenir.clairval.com/retreat-benburb-priory>

Sunday Message

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

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In this passage, John the Baptist sees Jesus coming toward him and calls Him “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”

This is a powerful title. A lamb was often used in Jewish tradition as a sacrifice to God, symbolizing the removal of sin. John is telling us that Jesus is the perfect sacrifice who will take away our sins once and for all.

John also says he saw the Spirit come down from heaven like a dove and stay on Jesus. This was a sign from God showing that Jesus is the chosen one — the Son of God. John admits he didn't fully know who Jesus was at first, but this experience made it clear.

The Spirit's presence shows that Jesus has a special mission: to bring new life and forgiveness. John's testimony helps us see that Jesus is more than just a teacher or prophet — He is God's Son sent to save us.

This passage invites us to trust in Jesus as the one who takes away our sins and to follow Him with faith, knowing that God's Spirit is with Him and with us. ■

DO

Take a moment today to bring your worries or mistakes to Jesus in prayer, asking Him to take them away and to fill you with His peace and forgiveness.

LEARN

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away our sins — a gentle, loving Savior who offers us forgiveness and calls us to trust Him completely.

REFLECT

When John the Baptist sees Jesus, he points him out as “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” Think about that: Jesus is the Lamb — gentle, humble, but powerful enough to carry away the weight of all our mistakes, all our failures.

John's words invite us to pause and reflect. Do we really believe that Jesus can take away our sins? Do we allow Him to carry those burdens, or do we try to carry them alone? Sometimes, we hold on to guilt or shame, forgetting that Jesus offers true freedom.

John also tells us about the Spirit descending like a dove — a quiet, gentle sign that Jesus is God's chosen one. Sometimes God's presence in our lives is not loud or dramatic, but quiet and steady, like a dove resting on us.

This passage calls us to trust — to trust Jesus with our struggles, our fears, our guilt. It reminds us that forgiveness is not just a word, but a gift freely given by God's Lamb.

Today, let's open our hearts to Jesus in a new way. Let Him be the Lamb who lifts your burdens and leads you into freedom. And let the Spirit rest gently on you, guiding you to live in peace and love. ■

SAY

St. John the Baptist,
faithful witness to the Lamb of God,
pray for us that we may recognize
Jesus in our lives,
trust His mercy, and follow Him
with courage and love.
Amen.

