

Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

22nd 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 10:00am Dromara (School Mass)
Wed 7:30pm Leitrim
Fri 7:30pm Dromara

I will be on holiday from
Mon 7th July until Sat 26th Jul

ANNIVERSARIES

Dechomet

Sat 21st Seamus & Phyllis Doyle &
Brian & Marcella Doyle
Sat 28th James O'Hare

Leitrim

Sun 22nd Sam Duggan
Bernard Cunningham & John Blaney
Wed 25th James Cunningham
PF & Mary Rose McCartan
Tom & Betty Fegan & Thomas Fowler
Sat 28th Michael McElroy
Terry Cunningham

Dromara

Sun 29th Hugh McCoubry (Derry)
Liz & Joseph Gordon (Drumkeeragh)

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 25th June
and Thurs 26th June between 8am - 5pm.**
Thank you for your continued support.

SVP contact numbers

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Diocesan Safeguarding Officer: Stephen Sherry
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Collections

Dromara Drumgooland

Parish	£516	£1,283
Youth Ministry	£209	£471

Thank you for your continued contributions

Trócaire

Many thanks to all those who have given
so generously to Trócaire with the Lenten
returns and any donations to the St Anthony
boxes in Leitrim and Dromara.

The total received was £7,606.36

Dromara £2,687.04 Drumgooland £4,919.35

This has been forwarded to Trócaire via the diocese.

Any donations received from now on will be
forwarded to Trócaire at a later date.

The Old Testament: Jesus' Bible

*We cannot begin to know Jesus as
he really is unless we have at least
a glimmering of what was in his
consciousness as he heard the story
of his people read in the synagogue
all his life, or took the scrolls into his
own hands for study. He pondered the
love of his Father, the glory of his
people and their sin.*

*It is not really an "old" testament;
it is the perennial story of humanity
with and without God, and the story
of the determination of that loving
God to save us in spite of ourselves.
The Bible is not merely a record of
events, but it is also an interpretation
of those events. It is the sad-wise
account of the ups and downs of the
chosen people's relationship with
God and of the meaning of God's
acts in their history.*

*The first five books of the Bible are
called Pentateuch ("five books") or the
Torah ("the Law"). The first of these,
Genesis, deals with the origin of the
human race and more importantly,
of the chosen people.*

2nd book: Exodus

3rd book: Leviticus

4th book: Numbers

5th book: Deuteronomy



BREAD OF LIFE

LUKE 9:11-17

One of the worst outrages of the Second World War was the siege of Leningrad (St Petersburg), from September 1941.

The Nazis surrounded the city soon after invading the Soviet Union, and their strategy was to starve its 2.5 million citizens into submission. The siege lasted 900 days. As food stocks dwindled, the population starved. Over 800,000 people died from hunger and hypothermia. The situation was so dire, some resorted to cannibalism.

But there remained one route into the city. Lake Ladoga lies east of Leningrad. As soon as it froze solid that first winter of 1941/42, Russians were able to mark out a route across the lake that convoys of trucks and sleighs could take at night when they were safer from German attack. Despite many setbacks, scores of transports got through - bringing food and supplies into the city and evacuating the sick and injured. Citizens gave a name to that winter ice road across Lake Ladoga. They called it the Road of Life because it provided them with the essentials they needed to survive. The Road of Life gave them bread for life.

Leningrad survived the siege and, after the war, began its slow recovery. But its people never forgot that without the Road of Life across the frozen lake, the city would have capitulated. The Road of Life provided bread of life, literally.

The Gospel for today's feast tells of the feeding of the 5000. It's one of several stories in the Gospels that describe a miraculous multiplying of food. Jesus can see that the people are hungry, and he feeds them. It's always the same. Jesus encounters people in distress, and aches with compassion for them. He heals them, feeds them, restores them, gives them life. Everything he says and does gives life.

Today's feast and the story of the multiplication of the loaves are a reminder to us of what the Eucharist means. The Eucharist is a celebration during which God nourishes us with God's own life. In John's Gospel, Jesus tells us: "I am the Bread of Life." The Eucharist is our food for life on the road of life. It helps us face the challenges of every day. Just as the Road of Life provided the people of Leningrad with the bread they needed to survive the war, the Eucharist provides us with the sustenance we need on our road of life. And it calls us together, draws us together, makes us one. Sharing the one bread from the one table makes us one family, responsible for each other. This is what we celebrate on today's great feast. ■

PRAY

Pray for a deeper appreciation of the gift of the Eucharist.

DO

Try to visit the Blessed Sacrament as often as you can.

REFLECT

I wish to reflect on how we live the Eucharist in our daily lives, as a Church and Individual Christians. First, the Eucharist affects the way we see others. In his life, Christ manifested his love by being with people, and by sharing their desires and problems. So too the Eucharist brings us together with others - young and old, poor and affluent, neighbours and visitors. The Eucharist calls us to see all of them as our brothers and sisters, and to see in them the face of Christ.

Second, in the Eucharist we experience the forgiveness of God and the call to forgive. We celebrate the Eucharist not because we are worthy, but because we recognise our need for God's mercy, incarnate in Jesus Christ. In the Eucharist, we renew the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ for the remission of sins, and our hearts are enlarged to receive and show mercy.

Third, in the Eucharistic celebration, we are nourished as the Christian community by Christ's Word and Life. It is from the Eucharist that the Church receives continually her identity and mission. It is in our celebration that Christ fills us with his grace, so that our lives may be consonant with our worship of God in the Liturgy. Let us live the Eucharist in a spirit of faith and prayer, with the certainty that the Lord will bring to fulfilment all that he has promised."

Pope Francis ■

LEARN

The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ reminds us of the centrality of the Eucharist in the life of the church

Jesus is the Bread of Life

In the Eucharist we receive the Body and Blood of Christ

We are Christ's hands and Christ's feet

SAY

"Lord, you nourish me with the Bread of Life on the road of life. Help me to share that love with those who need it most. Amen."