

Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
15th February 2026

Weekend Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Mon 9am Leitrim 7:30pm Dechomet
Tues 9am Dromara
Wed 7:30pm Leitrim
Fri 7:30pm Dromara

Ash Wednesday masses

7am Leitrim
10am Gargory
7pm Dromara
8pm Dechomet

We pray for the recently deceased
Desmond McElroy, USA, formerly Benraw
Memorial Mass Sat 21st Feb 12 noon

ANNIVERSARIES

Leitrim

Sat 14th Fr Frank Lyons
Cathal Clarke (*Drumaroad*)
Sat 21st Margaret McElroy
Margaret & Mary O'Hare & Deceased
Family Members

Dromara

Sun 15th Philip Lundy
Lundy, McGrillen, McCauley/Canley Families
Pete & Kathleen Gilmore
Marie & Pat King
Sun 22nd Mary McBride

Dechomet

Sat 21st 12noon Desmond McElroy Memorial Mass
Sat 21st McEvoy Family (*Dechomet*)

Gargory

Sun 22nd Theresa McCartan
Patrick & Elizabeth McCartan

Diocesan Director of Safeguarding

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Collections Dromara Drumgooland
Parish £520 £1,232

Thank you for your continued contributions

Day of prayer for all survivors and victims
of sexual abuse on **Fri 20th February**

Do This in Memory

The preparation programme for First Communion
continues on **21st & 22nd February**

Special collection for sick and retired priests
(22nd Feb). There are currently ten priests of
the diocese who are retired due to age (over 75)
or due to ill health. The Dromore Clerical
Providential Society (DCPS) provides an income
to these priests. The collection and a levy on
all parishes goes to DCPS in order to support
the priests in their retirement.

First Confessions 7pm

Dechomet Mon 24th Feb
Magheramayo Mon 3rd Mar
Finnis Mon 10th Mar

Discernment Retreat for Diocesan Priesthood

"They left everything at once and followed him" (Lk 5:11)
Thinking about a calling to serve? Join us for an
in-person Discernment Retreat designed to help
you explore the path to the diocesan priesthood.

It's a relaxed space to reflect, ask questions,
and connect with others on the same journey.
Come as you are and take time to listen to where
your heart might be leading!

Residential weekend: 6-8 March

Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne.

For more details contact Fr Brian Fitzpatrick
on pp.moyravery.seagoe@gmail.com,
or search 'discernment retreat' in Larne
on eventbrite.co.uk to book a free place online.

Organised by Northern Dioceses' Vocations Directors.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 27th to 31st July

We welcome young adults 18 to 30 years to
join us on Pilgrimage. Cost £680 includes flight,
full board and organized pilgrimage.

25 places available, to secure your place email

youthdirector@dromorediocese.org

Name & £50 deposit required before end of Feb.

We welcome into Dromara Parish
Hugh Steven Kirkpatrick

Sunday Message

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

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THE FULFILLMENT OF THE LAW

MATTHEW 5:17-37 (SHORTER FORM MT 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34, 37)



Jesus begins by making a clear and powerful statement: He has not come to abolish the Law or the Prophets but to fulfill them. This means He respects God's commandments and intends to complete and deepen their true meaning.

He then addresses several key commandments — like "You shall not murder," "You shall not commit adultery," and "You shall not swear falsely." But Jesus challenges us to look beyond simply following rules. He shows that true obedience involves the heart. It's not only about avoiding murder but also about not holding anger or insulting others. It's not just about faithfulness in marriage but also about guarding our thoughts from lust.

Jesus invites us to live by a higher standard — one that transforms our hearts and relationships. It's a call to move from external actions to inner change, seeking love, honesty, and peace.

This teaching asks us to examine our own feelings, words, and attitudes, allowing God to shape us from within, so our lives reflect His love in every part. ■

REFLECT

Jesus teaches us that following God isn't just about obeying rules on the outside — it's about what's happening inside our hearts. He says He came not to cancel the Law but to fulfill it, to bring its deeper meaning to light.

Think about anger, for example. It's easy to say, "I haven't hurt anyone," but Jesus asks us to look closer. Are we holding anger or bitterness inside? Are we quick to insult or judge? True peace begins when we let go of these feelings and seek forgiveness.

Jesus also talks about faithfulness, not just in actions but in our thoughts. It's a reminder that what we allow in our minds shapes who we are. He challenges us to live honestly, speaking truthfully and keeping our promises.

His words call us to a higher way — one that doesn't just avoid harm but actively builds love and peace. It's about changing from the inside out, so our lives show God's kindness in everything we do.

Today, ask yourself: What is God inviting me to change in my heart? Where can I grow in love and truth? Jesus offers His help — His grace is always ready to transform us. ■

SAY

Prayer of St. Augustine:

"Lord, make me pure in heart, that I may see You clearly.

Cleanse my thoughts and words, help me to live in truth and love.

Give me the strength to forgive and the courage to speak honestly.

Transform my heart so I may follow You fully."

DO

Take time today to forgive someone who has upset you — even if it's just in your heart. Let go of anger and choose peace, following Jesus' call to reconcile and love.

LEARN

True obedience to God isn't just about following rules — it's about letting God change our hearts, so we live with love, honesty, and peace in every part of our lives.

