

# Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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## Fourth Sunday of Easter

11<sup>th</sup> May 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

### ANNIVERSARIES

#### Dechomet

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup>** Mary Teresa Rooney  
Susan Greeran  
**Mon 12<sup>th</sup>** Patsy Greeran & Deceased  
Family Members  
**Sat 17<sup>th</sup>** James & Mary Catherine Doyle

#### Leitrim

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup>** Martin Brown  
Tommy & Joe Bannon  
**Wed 14<sup>th</sup>** John, Maura & Mary Murphy  
**Sat 17<sup>th</sup>** Nora McEvoy  
Patrick Cunningham & Deceased  
Family Members

#### Gargory

**Sun 11<sup>th</sup>** Desi Stokesberry MM  
Owens Family (*Ballymaginthy*)

#### Dromara

**Sun 11<sup>th</sup>** John & Mary Drake  
**Sun 18<sup>th</sup>** Michael & Teresa Reavey

The **Dromara Parish Committee** would like to **THANK** all the volunteers who assisted with the general exterior tidy-up of the Parochial Hall in Finnis, on Sat 3rd May. It was hard work and time-consuming and we really do appreciate your efforts to help improve the appearance of our Parish Hall for both parishioners and visitors. **THANK YOU!**

### **St Mary's Primary School Dechomet** **60th Anniversary**

A mass to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St Mary's Primary School, Dechomet will be held on **Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 10am** in St Mary of the Angels Church, Dechomet. There will be refreshments in the school hall afterwards. We hope that former pupils and parishioners will be able to join us to celebrate this momentous occasion.

Collections	Dromara	Drumgooland
Parish	£394	£876

*Thank you for your continued contributions*

Please return any **donations to Trócaire**  
If you pre-count the loose change, or change it to notes, this help will be gratefully accepted. If you are a taxpayer, please sign the gift aid note and include it with your donation. Please do not leave any donations in an unattended church.

**No Dromara Parish Council meeting this week**

*We welcome into Drumgooland Parish*  
*Croia Lify Mackín*

### Cemetery Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May

**Gargory after 9am mass**  
**Dromara 12 noon**  
**Leitrim 3pm**  
**Dechomet 5pm**

The day works well due to the many volunteers who help with parking of cars, collectors, readers, etc. If you can help in any way, please step forward. Parking for the less abled will be reserved as follows:

Finnis and Leitrim - church car parks.  
Dechomet - front of the church (Closkelt Road).

Leitrim - for those who are less abled and wish to park in the car park, please be there by 2:45pm to ensure that you get parked.

There is plenty of space around the Parochial House, on the tarmac and on the grass, please use it, but leave the exits free.

Please co-operate with those who are generous enough to assist with the parking.

Please do not park in a way that blocks a private entrance.

A collection will be taken up at each of the services towards the cost of maintaining the cemeteries. Thank you to all who tidy up in the cemeteries. Please use the bins and skips provided or take the refuse home. Please do not put plastic wrapping, oasis, or plastic boxes in the brown bins.

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# Sunday Message

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE WORD

Year C • 11th May 2025 • Colour: White • Psalter Week 4

## MY SHEEP LISTEN TO MY VOICE

JN 10:27-30



Being a shepherd during the time of Jesus was not something that would help you climb the social ladder.

The role was full of danger as it pushed the individual out to the fringes of society where they discover the harshness and dangers of the wilds, the loneliness the role entailed and the difference of a life which communed more with sheep than with people. Jesus chooses this role today and is mindful that as a shepherd for his people, he will give eternal life to those who believe and they will never perish. He states that God the Father and the Good Shepherd are one. This is a short passage today but the message is very clear and specific. Eternal life is to be gained through a deep connection between us believers and the heavenly Father. We experience God's love through the Shepherd, who will lay his life down for his sheep. ■

### REFLECT

Traditionally, Good Shepherd Sunday is the time we promote and speak about vocations to religious life and priesthood. Despite the downturn in the number of men and women opting for this way of life, there still remains a steady stream of candidates dedicating themselves to a life of service. Most vocations are first nurtured within the family. The French Jesuit, scientist and philosopher, Teilhard de Chardin, once said, "It was in my family that I became who I am. Most of my opinions, of my likes and dislikes, of my values and judgments, my behaviour, my tastes, were moulded by the family I came from." Parents remain the first and most important teachers of the faith, and of ideals. In fulfilling this role they should try to make daily prayer a natural part of life within the home. By so doing, they may sow the seeds of those vocations which will serve the spiritual needs of the next generation.

Just as Christ called some to be his evangelists, so he calls you and me into his service. What I do, how I live as his follower, concerns others too. On this special Sunday, we ask God's blessing, that volunteers will feel drawn to continue Christ's work. His wish for his disciples was quite explicit, "Pray to the Lord of the harvest, to send labourers to his harvest" (Mt 9:37). ■

### SAY

God, my Father,  
You have promised to remain  
forever with those  
who do what is just and right.  
Help me to live in Your presence.  
Keep before me the wisdom and love  
You have made known in Your Son.  
Help me to be like Him in word and  
deed. Amen.

### LEARN

'Jesus was aware of the purpose of his mission: to announce the Kingdom of God and make it present in his own Person, in his actions, and in his words, so that the world would become reconciled with God and renewed.'

(International Theological Commission)

### DO

Consider doing some reading this week. There are countless websites dedicated to Vocation Ministry and opportunities to speak with Vocation Directors committed to this ministry.

