

# Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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## *Sixth Sunday of Easter* 25<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

#### Gargory

**Sun 25<sup>th</sup>** Denis, Roseann & Michael O'Prey  
& Annie Moorehead

#### Dromara

**Sun 25<sup>th</sup>** Seamus & Cecilia McCullough  
Rosey Williams  
Janine Hogg  
Hugh & Maureen McCann  
**Fri 30<sup>th</sup>** Barney & Kathleen O'Hare  
**Sun 1<sup>st</sup>** Vincent & Desmond O'Hare  
Kevin O'Hare

#### Leitrim

**Sat 31<sup>st</sup>** Joe & Agnes McEvoy

**Lourdes pre-Pilgrimage Mass**  
**St Michael's Fri 30<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm**  
All welcome

### **Lourdes Pilgrimage 9<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> June** **Candles & Petitions**

Papers, pens and envelopes are available at the back of each Chapel. Please DO NOT put money in with petitions. Place in box provided. Candles - contributions to large Parish Candle can be placed in a separate envelope and marked candle or please speak to a member of the Committee

**Gargory Altar Rota**  
**June** - Helen & Patricia

**St Michael's Collectors Rota**  
**June** - Joseph & John

### SVP contact numbers

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### Collections Dromara Drumgooland

Parish	£804	£1,650
Priest	£1,816	£3,245

St Michael's Hall donation - Whist £500

*Figures include Apr standing orders*

*Thank you for your continued contributions*

I will be on **Retreat** from Wed 4<sup>th</sup> June,  
after mass, until Fri 13<sup>th</sup> June.

Thank you to all who have donated towards **Trócaire**. Please return all donations by **8<sup>th</sup> June** in order to pass your generosity onto Trócaire as soon as possible

**Congratulations** to all the children who have celebrated their **First Holy Communion** this year. The final part of the programme will be on 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> June

### 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.

### **Domantine Family Fun Day**

**Sun 8<sup>th</sup> June 1:00pm - 5:30pm**

#### *Attractions*

*Grand Draw, Country & Western Music, Vintage*

## JESUS PROMISES THE HOLY SPIRIT

JN 14: 23-29



We can sense from today's Gospel, that the work of preparation is underway. Jesus preparing his disciples for a world where they will feel alone.

Over the many discourses in John's Gospel, it must be finally sinking in that Jesus must return to God the Father. In doing so, Jesus assures them that they will always have the presence of God working through them in the form of the Spirit. He counsels his disciples not to be afraid. He leaves them his word and his peace, and the promise of the Advocate will help them in future to be his apostles. These lines are designed to instil confidence in this core group of believers and ensure that they will have the tools necessary to bring the message of Christ to everyone. ■

### REFLECT

French vocabulary is sometimes more precise than English. "Goodbye" is a case in point. The French use *Au revoir* for those everyday temporary separations, while *Adieu* is reserved strictly for final departures; it means roughly "until we meet in heaven." Life is a succession of *Au revols* and *Adieus*. The number of the latter grows with the passing years. Our hearts and memories are peopled with faces that once were dear to us. Some, like our parents, have died. Others moved away out of our lives never to reappear again. If their names crop up in conversation we say, "I wonder what became of so-and-so." They may say the same about us too. Life is a series of little deaths until our own death which for us will be the last great *Adieu*. We are, as never before, a pilgrim people, on the move. We need faithful friends who travel with us. In today's gospel, Jesus alerts his disciples to his imminent departure, his ascension into heaven. He doesn't say *Adieu* but *Au revoir*. "I am going away, but I shall return." We never really say goodbye to God, for God always goes with us. Notice how immigrants who leave their families, friends, language and cultures and settle, often penniless and in a hostile environment, on the other side of the globe, begin by building houses of worship. God is what they cling on to. God keeps his promise to be with us always. He will always keep his side of the bargain. It is up to us to keep ours. And when we come to the end of our pilgrimage here and have to make our last goodbye, it will be literally *Adieu*, "going to God." ■

### SAY

'He is generous even to exhaustion; and what is most wonderful is, that He gives Himself thus entirely, not once only, but every day, if we wish it. Every fresh Communion is a new gift which Jesus Christ makes of Himself.' (St. Ignatius Loyola)

### DO

The next time you attend Mass, concentrate more fully on the Word of God (First reading, psalm, second reading and Gospel). Allow the words to effect you and take one message home with you, something that will help you in your relationship with God.



### LEARN

'It is the joyful simplicity of life inspired by the Gospel and the Gospel's spirit of fraternal sharing that you will find the best remedy for ... the temptation to make money the principle means and indeed the very measure of human advancement.' (Pope John Paul II)