Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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3rd Sunday of Advent 14th December 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 DromaraWed 7:30pm LeitrimFri 7:30pm Dromara

Confessions for Christmas

Mon 22nd 6:45-7:15pm Dechomet Tues 23rd 6:30-7:00pm Dromara Tues 23rd 7:30-8:00pm Leitrim Wed 24th 10:00-10:30am Gargory

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve 6pm Leitrim 7:15pm Dromara

8:30pm Dechomet 9:45pm Gargory

Christmas Day 9am Gargory 10am Leitrim

11am Dromara

<u>ANNIVERSARIES</u>

<u>Dechomet</u>

Sat 13th Jim Doyle

Sat 20th John Greeran

William James Doyle

<u>Leitrim</u>

Sat 13th James Quail

Wed 17th Patsy Bannon

Anne McAlerney Joe McCrickard

Barney & Agnes Morgan

Sat 20th Brendan Cunningham

Patrick Smyth

<u>Dromara</u>

Sun 14th Canon Gerry McCrory

Sun 21st Liz McKay

Gerard & Mary McGrillen Christopher O'Hare

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Collections Dromara Drumgooland

Parish £743 £2,080 Priest £634 £1,586

Figures include Nov standing orders Thank you for your continued contributions

St Mary's Choir Dechomet

There will be a short Choir Rehearsal after 6pm Mass **Sat 13**th **Dec**

SVDP Dromara Christmas Collection Sun 14th Dec.

Thanks for your support throughout the year

SVDP Drumgooland Christmas Appeal

If you wish to contribute, please take a blue envelope from the back of the chapel and return to any volunteer or place in the collection basket.

SVDP contact numbers

Dromara 07738 838191 Drumgooland 07825 419067

A meeting to establish a New Men's Shed will take place on Mon 15th Dec at 8pm

in Liatroim Fontenoys Hall.

All men of the parish are warmly invited.

Come share your thoughts as we work together to build a space for friendship and community.

If you can't make this meeting but are interested in getting involved, please contact Dan on 07999709903

This Christmas the *Friends of St Michael's Parents' Group* are running a Cash Call.

Tickets are £10 each or three for £20.

1st prize is £300 & 2nd prize £200.

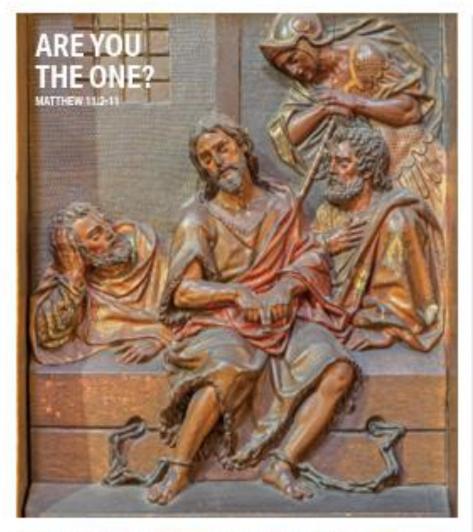
Tickets can be purchased through the school or via PayPal.

Please see Facebook for more details.

We welcome into Drumgooland Parish
Nina Anaiya Mia Hempton

THE WORD

Your A - 14 December 2025 - Colour: Ross or Violet - Pualter Week 2



This Gospel reading offers a rich moment of transition between the Old Testament expectation and the New Testament fulfilment. John the Baptist, representing the prophetic tradition of Isrsel, sends his disciples to Jesus with a pivotal question: "Are you the one who is to come?" His Inquiry is not necessarily one of disbellet, but of seeking confirmation — asking whether Jesus truly fulfils the hopes spoken by the prophets.

Rather than offering a direct claim, Jesus points to His works. His answer echoes is alah's prophecies: the blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are naised, and the poor receive good news. These are not random miracles, but signs that the long-awaited time of salvation has begun. Jesus allows the Scriptures to speak for Him.

The passage also offers a reflection on John's role. Though imprisoned and perhaps confused, John is praised by Jesus as the greatest among those born of women.

This Gospel encourages us to recognise how Jesus fulfils God's promises, not in dramatic displays, but in merciful action, quiet healing, and good news shared with the lowly.

This passage teaches us that God's work often unfolds differently than expected — and that recognising the signs requires humility; faith, and patience.

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Take time each day to notice small signs of goodness — moments of lendness, healing, or encouragement — in your home, parish, or community. At the end of each day, thank God for one way His quiet work was visible.

REFLECT

ohn the Baptist is in prison. He had spent his life preparing the way for the Messiah, but now facing death, he begins to sonder its Jesus truly the one? So he sends messengers to ask, and Jesus arrowers not with a simple yes or no, but with evidence: "The blind see, the lame walk, lepers are clearaed, the deaf hear, the dead are resed, and the poir have the Good News proclaimed to them."

Jesus is quietly fulfilling the words of basish — not with spectacle or force, but with mercy, healing, and hope. This is God's way: humble, patient, and often surprising. John had imagined something more dramatic, but Jesus reveals a kingdom built on compassion, not domination.

This Gospel is perfect for Gaudete Sunday — the Sunday of joy. Not a shallow or noisy joy, but the deep joy that comes from knowing that God is truly at work, even when we don't fully understand this ways.

When we face doubt, disappointment, or delay, Jesus invites us to lock again. Where is mercy happening? Where is grace quietly at work?

Today, we rejoice not because everything is perfect, but because Christ is near. And whenever He is, healing and hope are never far beford.

SAV

When I'm unsure.
Lord, give me peace.
When I can't see clearly,
let me still follow You.
Let Your quiet grace be enough
for today.
Amen.

LEARN

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, (CCC 548) teaches:

"The signs secriced by Jesus attest that the Father has sent him. They invite belief in him. But for those who turn to him in faith, he grants what they sais. So minucles strengthen faith in the One who does his Father's works."