

Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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Fourth Sunday of Easter 26th April 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

ANNIVERSARIES

Dechomet

Sat 25th John Sweeney
Charlie Rooney & Deceased
Family Members
Sat 2nd Paddy & Phil Turley
Nicholas Doyle

Leitrim

Sat 25th Jim Joe O'Hare
Margaret & Teresa Murphy
Wed 29th Martin Brown
Mary Ward & Deceased
Family Members
Margaret Morgan
Eileen McCartan
Sat 2nd Clare McCrickard

Dromara

Sun 26th Mary Ann & Seamus Lundy
Fri 1st John King (*Finnis*)

Gargory

Sun 3rd John Donnelly

Cemetery Sunday 24th May

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

May Rotas

Gargory Altar Society - Rita & Angela
Leitrim Cleaners - Patricia, Tina, Nadine & Anne

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Collections Dromara Drumgooland

Parish £597 £995

Thank you for your continued contributions

Congratulations to the 37 children who were confirmed this week. Thank you to all the teachers and staff of the schools who prepared them and decorated the churches. May the Holy Spirit be with these young people as they journey towards adulthood with the guidance and support of their families.

Thank you for your generosity to **Trócaire (£5,447)**

Please return your boxes or envelopes over the next few weeks, please do not leave boxes in the church when no one else is present. Thank you to those who changed the loose coins into notes, but all donations are accepted.

Thanks to all who have returned the **Gift Aid** cards. They are essential to our records.

If you are not a tax payer, please return the card blank or mark with an 'X' or 'N/A'

There will be an **Open Meeting** of all **St Michael's Hall** users on **Mon 18th May** at 8pm in the Hall. The aim of the meeting is to form a Hall Committee. The Hall is a major asset, people may have ideas on how to improve usage, how the various users can collaborate and what repairs are needed. Please come along.

Dromore Diocese Youth Com, in partnership with **Knock Shrine Youth Ministry**, are offering young people the opportunity to **volunteer on VAKs programme**. 26th-28th June 15/16 years old & 24th-26th July 16/17 years old. If interested, please email Frances youthdiretor@dromorediocese.org or phone 028 30833898 for information & application form.

CountryFIT Dance Classes are now running every Monday night in the Anglers Rest from 8pm. *Learn to jive, waltz, line dance & more in a welcoming environment.* Beginners welcome. No partner required. Pay on the door £8pp. Get fit and learn a new skill. For more information contact Maeve on 07541848672.

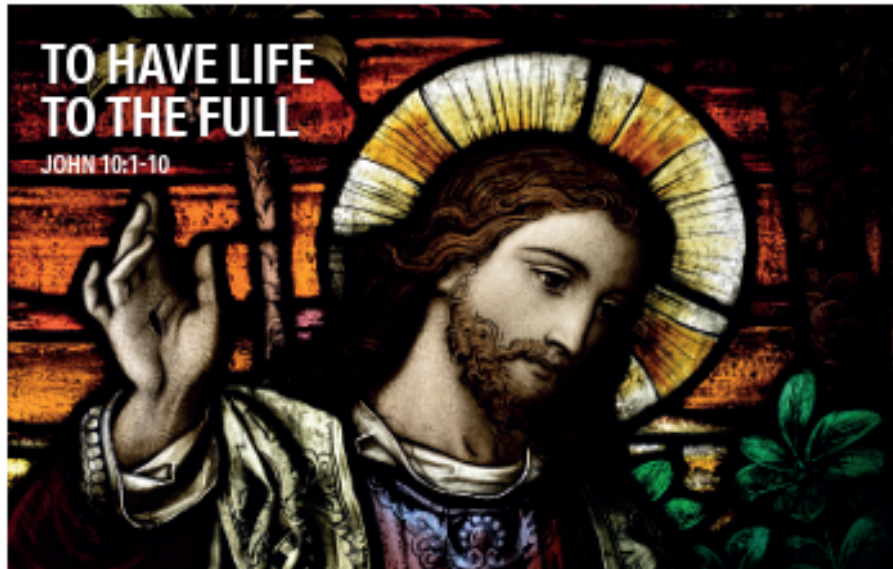
Irish Dancing Classes starting in St Michael's Hall, on **Wed 6th May**, 6:30pm-7:30pm. These classes are run by the **Clann na Rinceoirí School of Irish Dancing** and are suitable for children from age 3 upwards. Everyone is very welcome to come along and give it a try! For further information, please contact Patricia on 07789757774.

Sunday Message

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE WORD

Year A • 26 April 2026 • Colour: White • Psalter Week 4



TO HAVE LIFE TO THE FULL

JOHN 10:1-10

"I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full" is Jesus' promise in today's Gospel. He comes to bring us the fullness of life.

The fullness of life is something that everyone who is truly human looks for. Many of us go to great lengths to try to enjoy life to the full. We want to have the latest and the best of everything. We attend self-help classes, seek the most rewarding careers, go travelling. Yet, despite all our efforts, we can still end up dissatisfied.

The Christian believes it is only in knowing Jesus that we will find real meaning and experience true life. But very often we are not good at really believing this or putting it into practice. Very often we look every place but in the right place. We forget what Jesus told us: he alone is the answer to all that we are looking for. He is our good shepherd. Follow him, listen to his voice, and we will have the fullness of life. We will experience the joy of living. ■

REFLECT

In today's Gospel, Jesus makes clear his wish for us: he wants everyone to have life and have it to the full. He wants everyone to enjoy the fullness of life, to experience life in all its beauty and potential, to treasure and support life in every aspect, in every respect.

It means opposing abortion and euthanasia. It means doing all we can to help young couples set up home and start a family. The Christian community, Pope Francis stated in his letter for the 2025 Jubilee year, should be at the forefront in pointing out the need for a social covenant to support and foster hope, one that is inclusive and not ideological, working for a future filled with the laughter of babies and children, in order to fill the empty cradles in so many parts of our world.

Pro-life also means providing adequate health care and supports for those struggling economically or who are on the fringes of society. It means promoting a healthy work/life balance, so that we can spend quality time with loved ones and have

time for ourselves to unwind, to nurture our minds and passions, and to be able to enjoy life in its extraordinary beauty and richness. It means cultivating an attitude of gratitude for all we have been given and the blessings we can take too easily for granted. It means protecting our precious planet, which is God's gift to us to respect and cherish. It means being pro-life in everything we do, in our attitudes and in our actions, from womb to tomb.

Pope Francis put it like this: "Our defence of the innocent unborn needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development. Equally sacred, however, are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned, the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and the elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection."

DO

Examine your life. Could you describe yourself as someone who is pro-life in everything you say and do?

PRAY

This is vocations Sunday. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and that all Christians will live out their vocation to preach the Good News. Pray also that people everywhere may experience the joy of living.

LEARN

It is through Jesus that we enter into the life of God

Jesus is our good shepherd

The final words of today's Gospel provide one of the shortest and most succinct statements of Jesus' mission: "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." The chapter and verse are easy to remember: John 10.10

SAY

"Lord, you are my good shepherd. Help me to follow you faithfully always. Amen."

He was pointing out that pro-life doesn't stop in the delivery room when a child is born. It covers the entirety of life, from beginning to end. It is to work for a world where everybody can experience the joy of living. Joy of living is the powerful phrase Pope Francis uses.

It means you cannot be pro-life and be indifferent to poverty and injustice. You cannot be pro-life and cut off money to aid organisations that help the poor. You cannot be pro-life and support the death penalty or genocide wherever it takes place or wars of conquest. You cannot be pro-life and at the same time be racist or bigoted or abusive. To be pro-life is to treasure all life as sacred.

The book of Genesis tells us that God saw all that God had made and found it very good. To have enthusiasm for life is to celebrate and delight in the gift of life God has given us. It is, in the words of Pope Francis, to recover the joy of living. ■