

Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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Passion (Palm) Sunday

13th April 2025

Weekend Masses

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

Holy Week

Mon 9:00am Leitrim 7:30pm Dechomet
Tues 9:00am Dromara
Wed 7:30pm Leitrim

Holy Thursday 6pm Leitrim, 8pm Dromara

Good Friday

Stations 3pm Leitrim, Dechomet, Dromara
Passion 6pm Gargory, 8pm Dromara

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 9pm Dromara

Easter Sunday 9am Gargory, 10am Leitrim,
11am Dromara, 12noon Dechomet

There will be no weekday mass 21st – 25th Apr

Recently deceased
Marie McEvoy, Gargory

ANNIVERSARIES

Dechomet

Sat 12th Patrick Hugh Doyle
Elizabeth Doyle

Dromara

Sun 13th Cissie & Gerry O'Hare (Finnis)
Barbara & Annie Gordon (Drumkeeragh)
Tue 15th Julia McCann
Kathleen McMahon

Leitrim

Wed 16th Margaret Morgan
Eileen McCartan
Anna McAnulty
Sun 20th Margaret & Teresa Murphy

Gargory Altar Rota

Apr – Rosaleen & Anne

St Michael's Collectors

Apr – Seamus & Peter

SVP contact numbers

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Collections

	Dromara	Drumgooland
Parish	£655	£830
Sick & Retired Priests	£254	£618

Thank you for your continued contributions

We welcome into Drumgooland Parish
Aoife Ellen McMullan

Confessions

Mon 14th 6:45pm-7:15pm
Tues 15th 6:45pm-7:15pm
Wed 16th 6:45pm-7:15pm
Sat 19th 10am-10:30am

Trócaire

There are many requests for charitable support, sadly, there are too many people throughout the world who struggle for survival due to famine, war and earthquakes. Your generosity to Trócaire is greatly appreciated but sadly needed. Please return your donations (box or envelope) after Easter, from 26th / 27th April onwards. If you are a tax payer, sign the gift aid form, that adds 25% to your donation. If donating by cheque, please make payable to the Parish of Dromara or Parish of Drumgooland

Holy Water will be blessed at the Easter Vigil and all masses on Easter Sunday. The supply of bottles is no longer available to the parishes, please bring a bottle and fill it or leave a filled bottle with your name on it at the front of the chapel

Holy Week Vigil Assumption Grammar School
Wed 16th April 6pm -6am

Benediction & Mass will be celebrated at 10pm

Carlo Acutis Sunday 27th April

Archbishop Eamon Martin will recall and celebrate the Canonisation of Carlo at 5:30pm Mass in Newry Cathedral. We encourage families, young people and children to attend.

Dromara Parochial Hall

exterior building general tidy-up

The Dromara Parish Committee would be very grateful for volunteers to assist them with a general exterior tidy-up of the Parochial Hall, on **Sat 3rd May from 10am** onwards. Jobs include power washing of front steps / walls / gutterings / drains / weed killer application / yard sweeping and trimming of hedges. Please get in touch with Conor McKay or any member of the Parish Committee if you can attend.

Sunday Message

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

THE WORD

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THE LORD'S PASSION

LK 22:14-23:56



This account from Luke's Gospel begins with Jesus and his disciples at the Paschal Meal. There is a sense of urgency, as Jesus knows what is about to happen. This is the last time he will break bread with these followers and he asks that all humankind continue to celebrate the Eucharist in memory of him.

At the table, there are reminders that the Eucharist is no guarantee against the possibility of betrayal. Judas sits there and will ultimately hand Jesus over to Pilate. Peter sits close by and his denial of Jesus brings an atmosphere of shame to the scene. Peter is so overconfident that he's prepared to go to prison and even die with Jesus. But that's not how the story unfolds. When the time comes for Jesus' crucifixion, the leaders will deliberately humiliate him further, as they place him beside two thieves. Torture and insults and sneering from the leaders present are what Jesus must contend with. Indeed, despite everything he experiences on the cross, he still has enough energy to speak to God. 'Father, forgive them.' In his last words to the thief, Jesus assures him that they would be together in paradise. ■

REFLECT

The famous city of Herculaneum, near Naples, was buried by the eruption of the volcano Vesuvius in 79 AD. Only in recent times, excavators found a body on the shore. It was the body of a young woman who died trying to protect a child from the eruption. From her bones, they knew that she'd been undernourished from childhood and marked by heavy work. The experts concluded that she'd been a slave or a servant, there not being much difference in the ancient world between slaves and servants. This is an image very familiar to us when we read the Gospels. Slaves are commonplace. They serve table, they do the hard work, their labour is tiring, and their bodies are worn. It's interesting that on reading the Passion of Jesus Christ, our first impression is of a slave being handed over to be crucified. Except this slave would show the world kindness, compassion, love and mercy. Like the servant in Herculaneum, her last act was to wrap a child in her arms for protection and safety. Jesus, the slave, the servant and the healer, his last act would be to show the world the extent of God's love. This would ultimately get him killed. No one, not even his disciples, could fully comprehend Christ's message – That God so loved the world, he sent his only Son. So that the world might know his love. ■

DO

How can you be of service to God's people this week? Is there a reluctance in you to volunteer for a worthy parish initiative? How can you support your fellow lay missionaries?

LEARN

'The source of the Church's mission is the conviction that Christ is risen and fully alive and present to the community of believing Christians.' (Archbishop John Nienstedt)

SAY

'Give something, however small, to one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could.'

(Saint Gregory of Nazianzus)

