

Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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25th Sunday in ordinary time

22nd September 2024

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 10:00am Dromara School Mass (*no 9am mass*)
Wed 7:30pm Leitrim
Fri 7:30pm Dromara

Recently deceased



*Doreen McCartan, Banbridge,
formerly Ballydrummond*

ANNIVERSARIES

Leitrim

Sat 21st Pat McClean (*Backaderry*)
Thomas & Rose Armstrong
& Anne Murray
Bilbo Middleton
John & Leo McAlerney
John & Kathleen McMullan (*Clonvaraghan*)
Owen Kelly & Deceased Family
Members (*Backaderry*)
Sat 28th **Cahal Keown MM**
Patricia Quail
Mary & Seamus Malone
John & Bel Malone
Patsy Madine

Dromara

Sun 22nd Hugh Pat O'Hare
Seamus McEvoy
Fri 27th Harry McKay

Streaming of Masses

The current system on Youtube is not professional. I am aware of the poverty of the sound system. The cost of Church Services TV would be £110 per month for each church (i.e. £440 each month) for a 3-year contract. The cost after three years would reduce to streaming charges only (£70 - £80 per month). The Mass would only be available at the time unlike the present system. Please let me know your thoughts on this subject.

Collections Dromara Drumgooland
Parish £537 £907

Thank you for continuing to support your parish

We welcome into Drumgooland Parish
Pierce Ryan McAleenan

Preparation for First Communion

The *Do This in Memory* programme
begins on 5th / 6th Oct

Parish Council Meetings

Drumgooland **Mon 7th Oct** 8pm
Dromara **Mon 14th Oct** 8pm

Anam Cara, Armagh

Parent Evening for bereaved parents
Wed 25th Sept 7:15pm, Armagh City Hotel
Contact info@anamcara.ie
or 028 95213120

Southern Area Hospice will hold their
annual church gate collection on 5th / 6th Oct

World Rosary Day Mon 7th Oct 7pm

United in Prayer for the Jubilee of Hope

Inspired by Pope Francis' call for a global
"symphony of prayer," this initiative will see
the Rosary recited across the globe.

Let us unite in prayer through the
intercession of Our Lady, Mother of Hope,
for a Jubilee of grace and renewal!
Register at www.worldrosaryday.com to join.

Peter Morgan's Cottage

Volunteer urgently required to help with
social media/facebook and promoting
our activities and facilities.

Please contact Grainne 077 1773 2546

Music Sessions will resume on
Fri 4th Oct at 7.30pm

Dromara GAC - Save the Date

Club Dinner Dance & Awards Night
Sat 9th Nov, Burrendale Hotel, Newcastle.
More details to follow.

SVP contact numbers:

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Sunday Message

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

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SAY

Leadership must enter into service, but with a personal love for the people.

(Pope Francis, 2014)



We might draw our minds back to last weekend's gospel reading, and the revelation that Jesus is the Messiah, but coupled with that is the fact that Jesus will also suffer. The news of his ultimate death is not palatable information for his disciples, who imagine Jesus sitting on a throne, being venerated as a King and Lord.

Today's Gospel is Jesus' second attempt to present the same information. Why the urgency from Jesus to get his message across? His ministry in Galilee is about to come to an end and the descent into Jerusalem is what awaits him and his followers. The disciples don't understand what he means by the prediction of his death and resurrection and they in turn are afraid to ask Jesus for further clarification. Instead, the conversation between them takes an interesting turn. They begin to argue about which one of them is the greatest, or in other words, which one should have the most power? This vying for position within such a diverse group could be considered as natural human behaviour. But for Jesus, this is a worrying sign. He uses the opportunity to teach them and challenges the disciples to accept a little child. When they can welcome the most vulnerable and weakest, they can welcome Jesus. ■

DO

Reflect on the leadership shown by members of your parish community. What positive aspects do they bring and what changes need to be made?

LEARN

Grace is favour, the free and undeserved help that God gives us to respond to his call to become children of God.

(Catechism)

REFLECT

Robert Greenleaf, author of the best-selling book *Servant Leadership* writes:

'It begins with the natural feeling that one wants to serve, to serve first. Then conscious choice brings one to aspire to lead. The difference manifests itself in the care taken by the servant—first to make sure that other people's highest priority needs are being served. The best test is: Do those served grow as persons; do they, while being served, become healthier, wiser, freer, more autonomous, more likely themselves to become servants? And, what is the effect on the least privileged in

society? Will they benefit or at least not be further deprived?

Jesus has been at pains to explain to the disciples the kind of leadership and service he requires of his followers. Putting others first and seeking out the outcast or marginalised of society is not just wise leadership advice, it is the truth about human life from the one who embodied it.

But Jesus doesn't just say it, he acts it out in a dramatic parable. He takes a little child who happened to be hanging around the house, picks the child up and embraces him or her in his arms. From our vantage point, this act seems cute. "Aaawh, Jesus picks up

and hugs a child." But it was not likely cute to Jesus' disciples. In his day, children were definitely "seen but not heard." Children weren't worth much until they grew up and proved themselves. They were considered nobodies. Their worth was tied up in their potential as adults, not in their being children. But here Jesus places a child in the centre and says, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me." It follows, that a new style of leadership and service is born. Instead of seeking power and prestige, seek out the weakest of our community and show them God's love. ■