

# Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time**  
**6<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

## Weekend Masses

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

*No Weekday Masses this week*

**I will be on holiday from  
Mon 7<sup>th</sup> July until Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Jul**

**In case of death or emergency sick calls  
please try Fr Brian Brown 074 9673 1619**

Anniversaries can be booked over the next few weeks by email, leaving a message on the phone or leaving a note through the letter box

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Dechomet

**Sat 5<sup>th</sup>** Roseann McElroy MM

### Leitrim

**Sat 5<sup>th</sup>** Sarah Lennon  
Margaret, Oliver & Gary Donnelly

### Dromara

**Sun 6<sup>th</sup>** Margaret Marmion & Deceased  
Family Members  
John Fitzpatrick

**Sun 13<sup>th</sup>** Kevin Doyle

## ***The Old Testament: Jesus' Bible*** ***Exodus***

The Book of Exodus ("a way out") is the story of Israel's liberation from physical and spiritual slavery in Egypt – the model of our ultimate liberation in Jesus. We join his "exodus" through death to life.

God strikes the Egyptians but *passes over* the homes of the Israelites, who have put the blood of a lamb on the doorposts of their homes and partaken of a meal of its flesh. Now, under the leadership of Moses (foreshadowing Jesus), they go (perhaps as a straggling mass of refugees) through the water of the Red Sea to freedom. The Israelites wander in the Sinai desert for forty years. In the desert, Israel was alone with God. The desert is the symbol of death and of human loneliness. There we must each decide either to die or to survive in the only way possible: by total surrender to God.

**Collections**      **Dromara**      **Drumgooland**  
Parish              £731              £816

*Thank you for your continued contributions*

*We welcome into Drumgooland Parish*  
**Ryan Connor Rodgers**

**Whist Drive in St Michael's Hall**  
**Sun 6<sup>th</sup> July at 8pm Adm. £5.**  
In aid of Kidney Research. Please support.

## **Triathlon of Pilgrimage**

## **SATURDAY 30TH - SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST**

**Take on the challenge, experience the adventure and grow in faith**

**All in the spirit of fun, prayer and friendship for young adults**

Our journey begins – at the start – we will collect you on route....arriving first at Lough Derg – an opportunity to learn more about this Holy place and walk in the spiritual footsteps of St Patrick. A place to pray, experience a little penance and share food together....a peaceful place.

Onward to Knock Shrine– we gather with the local community for 7 pm Mass – following a shared meal together you will have time to visit the Apparition Chapel and learn more about Knock...our evening will conclude with a social event together....

Where to now? On Sunday morning we travel to climb Croagh Patrick – a little bit of heaven on earth – a challenge yes, however worth every step of the way....

## **Cost & Information**

Join the Diocese of Dromore

**Departing** early Saturday morning

**Travelling** by bus collecting all on route....

**Stay** in the Youth Hub at Knock Shrine – where you will have B&B accommodation

**Costs** £150 covers Bus, B&B, Lough Derg fee and an experience not to be missed!

**Home:** 8 to 9 pm on Sunday evening.

## **Interested – Want to know more?**

Sign up by emailing your name and contact number to Frances the Youth Director – [youthdirector@dromorediocese.org](mailto:youthdirector@dromorediocese.org)

**Gargory Altar Rota**  
**Jul – Phil**

**Dromara Collectors Rota**  
**Jul – Brian & Laurence**

## **SVP contact numbers**

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# Sunday Message

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

Year C • 6 July 2025 • Colour: Green • Psalter Week 2



I had a short, undistinguished career as a foreign missionary. In the 1980s, age just 23, I was sent to the Philippines for two years on what was called a mission immersion experience. It certainly was immersion and it most definitely was an experience.

Talk about the challenge of adjusting to a new people and a new environment. For the first few months the mosquitoes thought it was Christmas. They feasted on my rich, fresh blood. The food took some getting used to - no milk, only powdered stuff; no potatoes, only lots and lots of rice, few of the vegetables we're accustomed to, but a huge variety of wonderful tropical fruit.

I soon discovered I had no aptitude for foreign languages and struggled to get a basic grasp of the local dialect. The heat was intense. I quickly appreciated those words of Noel Coward: Mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the midday sun.

I was overwhelmed by the poverty, of a kind I could scarcely imagine, thousands of families in our parish packed into shantytowns or hillside barrios with few amenities and no social welfare. I was lonely, about as far away from home as it was possible to be, in a time before smart phones, social media and satellite tv. Though I was awestruck by the people's friendliness, fortitude and faith, I knew early on I wasn't cut out to be a foreign missionary.

I wasn't the first foreign missionary in my family. A great granduncle, Patrick Moloney, a Vincentian priest, died in China in the 1880s; two of my religious sister aunts worked abroad, as did many other relatives, though I was undoubtedly the least successful of the lot. Most Irish families, tracing back, will find a foreign missionary or two in their family tree, part of the country's great contribution to the church.

But, of course, we don't have to enter religious life or go abroad to be missionaries. It's something we must do at home, too. In fact, that we do so is a requirement of our Christian faith. We are all called by virtue of our baptism to proclaim the Gospel by the kind of people we are wherever we find ourselves. ■

## PRAY

Pray for all missionaries, particularly those working in dangerous places.

## DO

Speak this week about your love of Jesus Christ. Don't be afraid to tell people why your faith is so important to you.



## REFLECT

Like the 72 in today's Gospel, each of us is called and sent; we must proclaim the Gospel without delay, in every hour of every day. Like the 72, what we are to announce is the coming of God's kingdom of compassion, justice, peace, love. Announce it, witness to it, live it.

Even though we live in an era of mass media communication, where news can be transmitted around the globe in microseconds, there is still nothing to compare with the human touch, with person to person interaction. This is especially true when it comes to our faith. The personal witness to the Gospel that we give every day is the best form of evangelisation.

Jesus has given us an example for how we are to live. The question is, are you an agent of good news? Do you proclaim it daily by the things you do and say? Would Jesus choose you as one of his 72? ■

## LEARN

In telling the story of the 72, Luke is looking forward to the mission of the church which he describes in the Acts of the Apostles. It is a mission that always continues, even if it takes many different forms. Communication of the Gospel today is done as much by the mass media of press, television and cinema and by modern communications technology as by the traditional word of mouth. But personal example is key. All the baptised are part of the mission and witness of the church. We each have a mandate to evangelise.

## SAY

"Lord, help me to stay strong in the face of whatever difficulties come my way. Help me to follow your example. Amen."