

Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

18th May 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 Dromara
Wed 7:30pm Leitrim
Fri 7:30pm Dromara

Recently deceased



Winnie McCrickard, Ballymaginthy

ANNIVERSARIES

Dechomet

Sat 17th James & Mary Catherine Doyle
Mon 19th Arthur & Mary Burns

Leitrim

Sat 17th Nora McEvoy
Patrick Cunningham & Deceased
Family Members
Wed 21st Katherine Doyle
Jim McAnulty & Deceased Family
Members (*Backaderry*)

Dromara

Sun 18th Michael & Teresa Reavey
Patrick McEvoy, Artana
Fri 23rd Nuala Davies
Sun 25th Seamus & Cecilia McCullough
Rosey Williams
Janine Hogg
Hugh & Maureen McCann

Gargory

Sun 25th Denis, Roseann & Michael O'Prey
& Annie Moorehead

St Mary's Primary School Dechomet
60th Anniversary Mass Fri 23rd May 10am
in St Mary of the Angels Church, Dechomet

Dromore Diocesan Jubilee

Pilgrimage to Knock Sunday 25th May

led by Archbishop Eamon Martin.

Coach departing from St Therese's Church
car park, Banbridge at 7:30am & St Paul's Church,
Lurgan at 8:00am. Cost £25 per person.
Time constraints do not allow for an evening meal,
but 'comfort & coffee' stops will be available
in each direction.

Please book through Banbridge Parish Office,
028 40624950, payment will be taken on the bus.

Collections Dromara Drumgooland

Parish £344 £842

Thank you for your continued contributions

I will be on **Retreat** from Wed 4th June,
after mass, until Fri 13th June.

Thank you to the pupils and staff at
St Michael's PS, Finnis for their donation to
Trócaire of £442.22. This was raised by a
'Bring & Buy' sale and a bun sale.

Cemetery Sunday 25th May

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

The day works well due to the many
volunteers who help with parking of cars,
collectors, readers, etc. If you can help in any
way, please step forward. Parking for the
less abled will be reserved as follows:
Finnis and Leitrim - church car parks.
Dechomet - front of the church (Closkelt Road).
Leitrim - for those who are less abled and
wish to park in the car park, please be there
by 2:45pm to ensure that you get parked.

There is plenty of space around the
Parochial House, on the tarmac and on the
grass, please use it, but leave the exits free.

Please co-operate with those who are
generous enough to assist with the parking.

Please do not park in a way that
blocks a private entrance.

A collection will be taken up at each of the
services towards the cost of maintaining the
cemeteries. Thank you to all who tidy up
in the cemeteries. Please use the bins and
skips provided or take the refuse home.
Please do not put plastic wrapping, oasis,
or plastic boxes in the brown bins.

The Department of Education (DE) seeks to appoint
members to the Council for Catholic Maintained
Schools (CCMS) along with appointments to the
Diocesan Education Committees

Information on this opportunity and an application
pack is available by contacting DE as follows:

Website: [Public Appointment Opportunities](http://PublicAppointmentOpportunities)
[Department of Education](http://DepartmentofEducation)

Email: egt1@education-ni.gov.uk

Tel: (028) 9127 9461 or 9127 7684

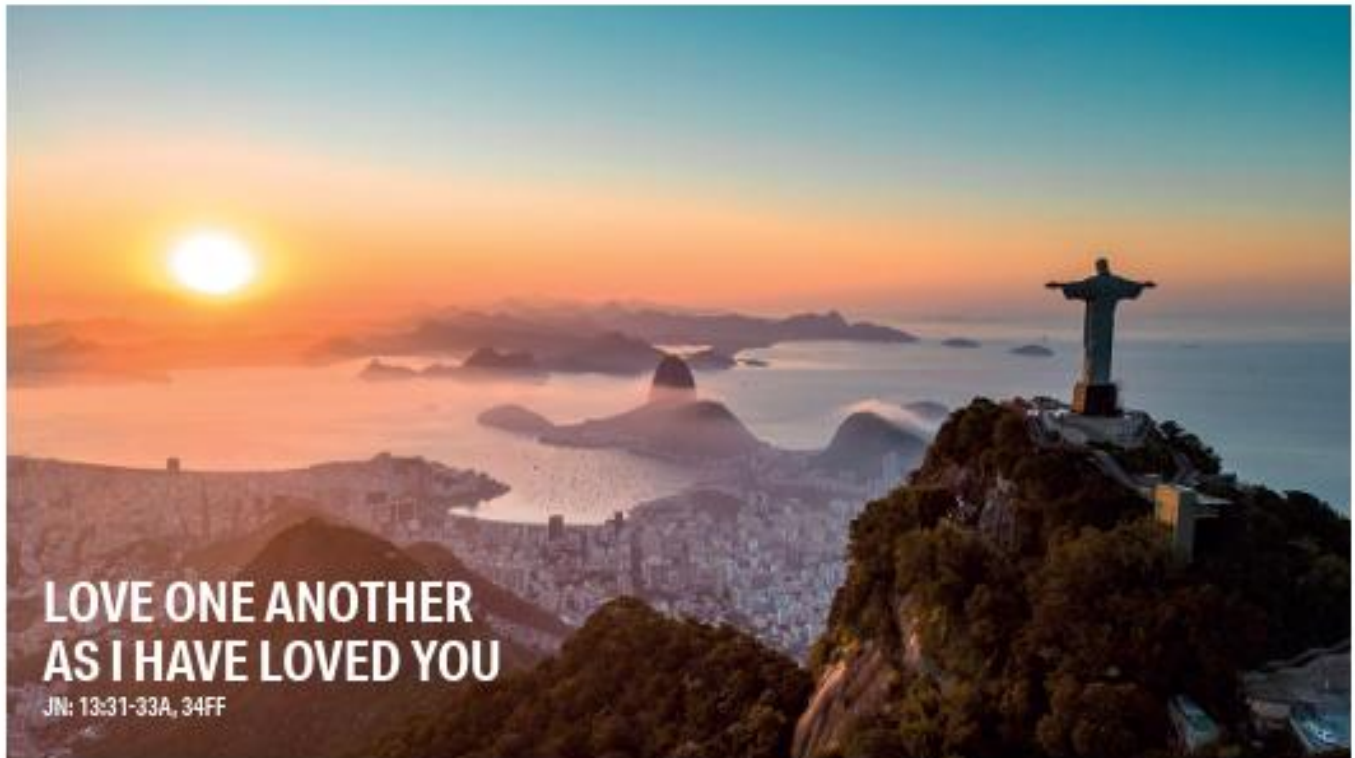
Closing date 4pm Thurs 22nd May

Sunday Message

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE WORD

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LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU

JN: 13:31-33A, 34FF

Today's Gospel begins with the call of the disciples where the master addresses his pupils. There is a certain warmth or tenderness to this scene as Jesus tells them he is leaving a new commandment, one which he wants lived out through their actions after his death.

He speaks of love and extends this love to all people, without distinction. He has already shown this message in his story of the Good Samaritan. The kind of love Jesus talks about is a love for all. Secondly, this commandment is new in the Ideal it strives for. Our love should be as he has loved us. This means we must love our enemies, without limits. ■

REFLECT

An American journalist, after watching Mother Teresa caring for a man with gangrene, remarked to her: 'I wouldn't do that for a million dollars.' Mother Teresa replied: 'Neither would I... but I do it for love of God.' Selfishness keeps us shut in, builds barriers, even walls, between us and others. What frees us is caring, caring for others, being friends, being sisters and brothers to them, being good neighbours. A doctor, who has shared some of the deepest moments in the lives of many patients, says that people facing death don't think about the degrees they've earned, the positions they've held, or how much wealth they've amassed. What really matters at the end is whom you have loved and who has loved you.

Love asks the best from us and brings out the best in us. Being loved gives us a surprising energy and courage. Love makes us fruitful, productive, strong and constant in doing good. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, famous for her work on the stages of dying, has written: 'Love is the flame that warms our soul, energises our spirit and supplies passion to our lives. It's our connection to God and to one another.'

Practicing love has the power to heal ourselves and others. To love is to heal, both those who receive and those who give it. To decide to love is to be fully open to life. It is choice and not just feeling. When we choose to be loving, caring, healing, helping, and forgiving persons, we grow towards what our life is meant to be. There's really no other way. So Jesus insists, very strongly: 'Love one another, as I have loved you.' ■

LEARN

'For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.'
(St. Therese of Lisieux)

SAY

'Whenever you stand praying, forgive if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.'
(Mark's Gospel)

DO

If you're a little out of practice in your prayer life, how about taking as little as 10 minutes a day to begin a conversation with God. If you are short on words, read from today's Gospel from John.

