

# Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time**

**20<sup>th</sup> October 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** 9:00am Dromara  
**Wed** 7:30pm Leitrim  
**Fri** 7:30pm Dromara

## ANNIVERSARIES

*2025 Anniversary Diary now available*

### Leitrim

**Sat 19<sup>th</sup>** John Smyth & Deceased  
Family Members  
**Sat 26<sup>th</sup>** Annie Morgan & Deceased  
Family Members

### Dromara

**Sun 20<sup>th</sup>** Michael Rice  
Edward McBride  
**Sun 27<sup>th</sup>** Bridget, Peter & Frank McEvoy  
Peter, Catherine, Peter & James McKenny

### Dechomet

**Sat 26<sup>th</sup>** Peter Joseph Kelly (*Derryneil*)  
& Deceased Family Members  
Christy Morgan (*Derryneil*)

## Masses for the Recently Deceased

Dechomet Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 7:30pm  
Leitrim Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Nov 7:30pm  
Dromara Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Nov 7:30pm

*November Dead Lists are available  
at the back of the churches*

Please join the 'Friends of St Michael's Parents Group' for **BINGO** on **Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Oct** in the Parish Hall to raise funds for school equipment. **Doors open at 2.30pm, Bingo starts at 3pm.** A fun afternoon for all, so please come along and show your support for the School.

### **SVP contact numbers:**

Dromara 077 3883 8191  
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### **Diocesan Safeguarding:**

Stephen Sherry 073 0124 6329  
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## Collections Dromara Drumgooland

Parish	£616	£1,499
Priest	£666	£2,310
Family Care	£255	£558

*Figures include Sept standing orders*

*Thank you for continuing to support your parish*

## Do This in Memory

First Communion preparation programme continues **26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> Oct.** The children are asked to bring rosary beads with them, rosary beads will be blessed.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meeting for all interested volunteers  
**Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 8pm** in the Parochial House

## Rosary at the Windy Gap

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 8pm**

The 'Friends of St Michael's Parents Group' would like to invite you to **King's Bar** on **Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct** for a **School Reunion** to raise money for resources for our school.

We would love to see past pupils, past, current & future parents & those who wish to support the school. £5 entry on the night and **doors open at 8pm.**

The **Holy Cross Sisters** are offering young adults the opportunity to volunteer their time to work in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

For more information please attend  
Newry Parish Centre, The Mall,  
**Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Oct at 7.15 pm**

## Anam Cara Parent Support Evening

**Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 7:15pm** Armagh City Hotel  
A free event open to all bereaved parents.

## Knock Pilgrimage for Young Adults, Parents and others

**Sat 7<sup>th</sup> - Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Dec**

10 places left - £145, covers bus, B&B and Sat evening Meal. Pick up points will include Newry, Banbridge and Lurgan, others if necessary.

Please phone Frances  
on 028 3083 3898 or email  
[youthdirector@dromorediocese.org](mailto:youthdirector@dromorediocese.org)

# Sunday Message

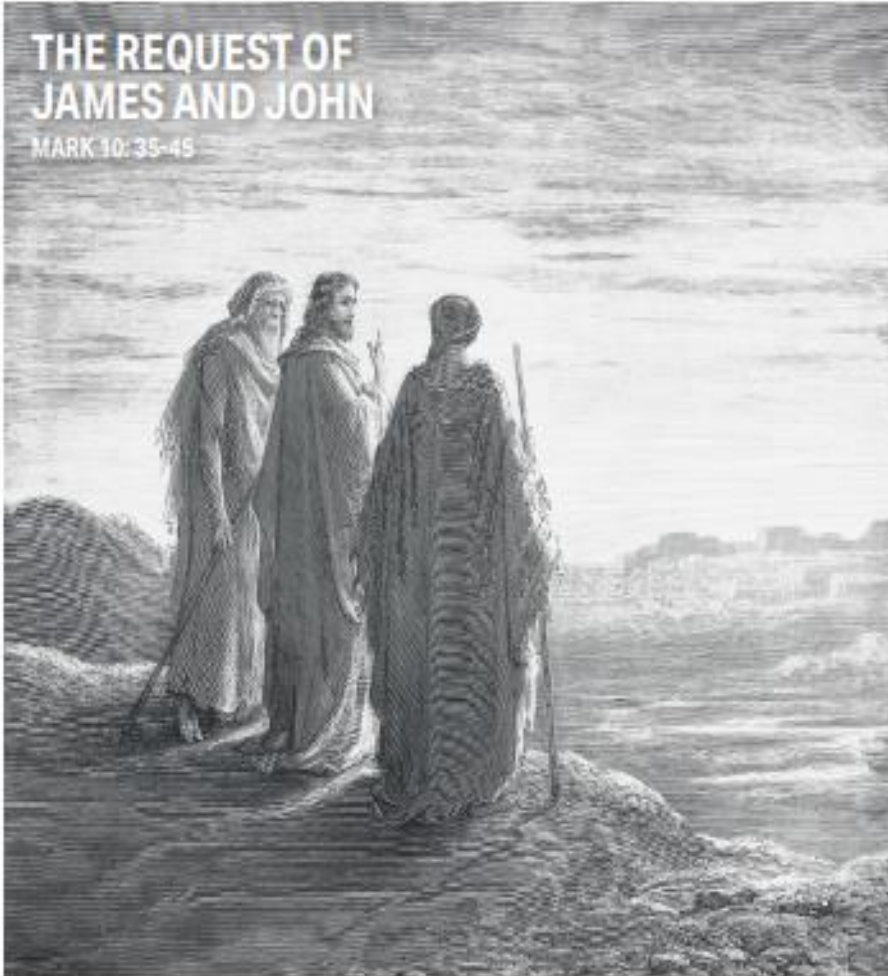
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

Year B • 20 October 2024 • Colour: Green • Psalter Week 1

## THE REQUEST OF JAMES AND JOHN

MARK 10: 35-45



This journey with Mark's Gospel over the past number of weeks has brought us into contact with many of the worries of the disciples. They become deeply concerned with some of the predictions of Jesus, that he will be persecuted, die on a cross and be raised up.

It won't be until they see first-hand the events leading to Calvary, that they will truly understand what Jesus meant. But the other crucial preoccupation of the disciples in these chapters relates to power and vying for position amongst this diverse group of followers. James and John take centre stage today. They have witnessed the many signs of Jesus and have listened intently to his word. It stands to reason then that they want to be close to him. They want to hold the highest possible position by his side. One could say that their request is bold. After everything they have seen and heard, they must by now realise that Jesus has no concern with positions of power. His consistent request is that whoever wants to be great, must become a slave, a servant. Unlike the rulers of the Gentiles who rule it over everyone, Jesus himself is a servant to all people. ■

### SAY

**'Be sure that you first preach by the way you live. If you do not, people will notice that you say one thing, but live otherwise, and your words will bring only cynical laughter and a derisive shake of the head.'**

(Saint Charles Borromeo)

### REFLECT

Irish Television Broadcaster RTE, has a programme that appears regularly called *Reeling in the Years*. It's a look back at a particular year in Irish history and through music and videos, gives an often informative and reflective account of a specific point in time. On one of their more recent programmes, it showed clips of the great famine in Biafra back in the late 60s. Naturally some of the videos and scenes are still shocking to watch but the striking thing about the images shown, was the number of Irish missionaries and aid workers who made a conscious decision to stay with the people and help them in whatever way they could. Millions of people died of hunger but amidst the devastation, people were also helped. As I write this, aid workers are assisting the people of Gaza, with food and medicine. Medical aid is being delivered to hospitals in Ukraine to help in their struggle. The goodness of others amidst pain and struggle is what gives us hope. To leave everything behind and to love your neighbour is the greatest of treasures according to today's Gospel. It's the message he places before his followers today, encouraging us to become servants of God, sharing his love and compassion. ■

### DO

It may be time for your parish to take on a project. Can you identify a particular area of need, at home or abroad, where you can make an impact?

### LEARN

**'The Church is the visible plan of God's love for humanity because God desires that the whole human race may become one People of God, form one Body of Christ, and be built up into one temple of the Holy Spirit.'**

(Paul VI, June 22, 1973)

