

Parishes of Dromara and Drumgooland

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Easter Sunday
20th April 2025

Weekend Masses

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

No weekday mass this week

I will be available for any sick call or if someone dies, please use the mobile phone number at the top of the bulletin

Recently deceased
Desmond Stokesberry,
Derryneil Road, Gargory

ANNIVERSARIES

Leitrim

Sun 20th Margaret & Teresa Murphy
Sat 26th Jim Joe O'Hare
Clare McCrickard
Patsy McAnulty

Dromara

Sun 20th Philomena Keenan
Sun 27th O'Hare Family (*Money nabane*)
John King (*Finnis*)

Dromara GAC are hosting their 5th year of the **Darkness into Light** walk on **Sat 10th May** at Slieve Croob.

Money raised will go to 'Inspire NI'.

The walk is planned to commence at 4:30am in the hope to see sunrise.

A quiz will also be held on Sat 10th May in Kings Bar, Finnis at 8:30pm for the above charity.

SVP contact numbers

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Diocesan Safeguarding Officer: Stephen Sherry
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Collections	Dromara	Drumgooland
Parish	£1,143	£1,719
Priest	£878	£2,704
St Michael's Hall	£100	

Figures include Mar standing orders

Thank you for your continued contributions

Please return any **donations to Trócaire** from Sat 26th April onwards. If you pre-count the loose change, or change it to notes, this help will be gratefully accepted. If you are a taxpayer, please sign the gift aid note and include it with your donation. Please do not leave any donations in an unattended church.

Thank You to all who helped prepare the churches for the Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies.
Thank You to those who cleaned the churches, prepared flowers, dressed the altars, worked in the sacristies, the choirs, altar servers, readers, Eucharistic ministers, collectors, counters and any person who helped in any way.

We welcome into Drumgooland Parish
Cathal Francis Armstrong

Congratulations to Michael and Margaret Morgan on their Golden Wedding anniversary

Jubilee Year of Hope

Upcoming event in Ss Patrick & Colman Cathedral
Sun 27th Apr - Celebration of Carlo Acutis becoming a Saint.

Archbishop Eamon Martin will celebrate mass at 5:30pm in Newry Cathedral.

We welcome and encourage all to attend, families, teenagers, children and young adults.

Dromantine Workshop

Offered by Fr Hugh Lagan SMA,
Priest and Chartered Clinical Psychologist.
Fri 2nd to Sun 4th May

Difficult People: How to bring out the best in people at their worst
£235 / €275

Reservation: Tel: 028 3082 1964 or
Email: admin@dromantineconference.com

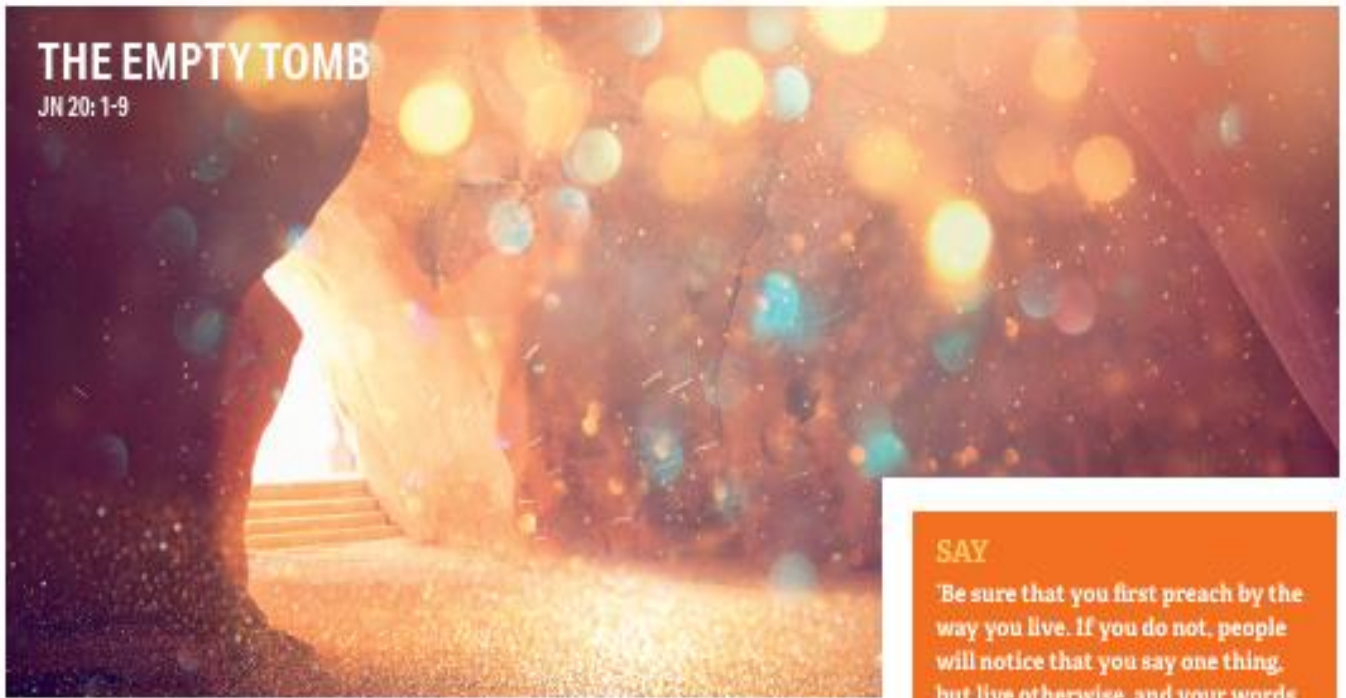
Sunday Message EASTER SUNDAY

THE WORD

Year C • 20th April 2025 • Colour: White • Psalter Week 1

THE EMPTY TOMB

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The Gospel reading tells the story of the first Easter. A mixture of excitement and confusion as Mary Magdalene discovers the empty tomb and then runs to break the news to Simon Peter and the disciple whom Jesus loved.

Those closest to Jesus receive the news first and then slowly, news of this great event spreads throughout the towns and countryside. We read St. Paul's letter in the second reading encouraging us to look higher, all the way to the top, to Christ. Christians are to think of what's above, not what's on earth. We're to live where Christ is – as a parish, as a community. We're a risen community, we're an Easter people and through our baptism, we share in Christ's new life and risen life of the first Easter. ■

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)

DO

Read the Gospel again and sense the joy and confusion Jesus' followers must have felt on this Resurrection Day.

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)

REFLECT

Think we all have experience of happy people in our lives. They're the ones who are involved in the world, indeed you might even describe yourself as a happy person! Such a person enjoys festivals of life – like birthdays, first communions, confirmations, graduations, and marriages. An involved person sees problems like poverty, racism and hunger and tries to solve them. But occasionally such a person is tempted to lose hope – perhaps feeling abandoned by others in the struggle for justice and misunderstood by even the closest friends and relatives. Suffering and violence continue to grip our world and witnessing the disfigurement of people due to war and violence breaks our hearts. The challenge of Easter today is to understand human suffering in the light of Jesus' resurrection. We must take God's part in protecting against the violence and the suffering that are accepted so readily as inevitable.

Christians see help against despair in the celebration of Easter. The resurrection of our Lord is the central mystery of our faith, our chief festival of life. It gives hope to those who've lost it. Theologian and scholar Harold A. Buetow describes it as the day on which Jesus snatched victory from the jaws of defeat, vindicated his life and teachings and confirmed our faith. It's the most exciting event in world history. It isn't only an event that happened once in the past: it's the power of God that's seen constantly in people's lives. The resurrection is a sign of God's loving interest in our world. ■

