

# PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th June 2021

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Neighbouring Priests: Fr T Mannion 964 3014 - Fr P Casey 916 4143 -

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### Masses

Sat 12th Jun	8:00pm	Creevelea	Jack McGee & Deceased Family Sean O'Neill
Sun 13th Jun	10:00am	Tarmon	
Sun 13th Jun	11:15am	Drumkeeran	George Wiggins 2nd Anniversary Hubie & Annie McPartlan Pierce & Mary Ellen Gilhooly Msgr. Edward Lynch James & Brigid McKenna
Mon 14th Jun	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	
Tues 15th Jun	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Wed 16th Jun	10:00am	Creevelea	
Thurs 17th Jun	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 18th Jun	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sat 19th Jun	8:00pm	Creevelea	Peter & Gertrude Gallagher & Deceased Family, Shividillagh
Sun 20th Jun	10:00am	Tarmon	Christopher Gilhooly 1st Anniversary
Sun 20th Jun	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Teresa & Jim Gallagher

- Remember:**
1. Sanitise your hands at the door.
  2. Wear a face mask all the time, covering nose AND mouth.
  3. Keep the 2m distance.

**Happy Birthday Annie:** Our prayers and Good Wishes to Annie Cullen who turns 103 this Sunday, 13th June. May God continue to bless her into the future.

**Blessing of the Graves:** The traditional Blessing of Graves in the cemeteries is cancelled this year too; the bishop informed us this week. However, the graves will be blessed sometime during the summer without the usual gathering of Families.

**Readers and Eucharistic Ministers:** If you are able to help at the weekend Masses you can volunteer by seeing Fr. Tom in the Sacristy of your local Church. Thanks.

**Tarmon NS Parents Association:** Are having a Cash for Clobber on the Wed 23 June. People can leave bags of clothes at the Heritage/Community Centre before this date. Please contact Mary 0879781323 to arrange a time to drop off of bags.

**Diocesan Online Pilgrimage to Knock:** Kilmore Diocesan Online Pilgrimage to Knock, Ireland's International Marian and Eucharistic Shrine, will take place on Sun 20 June. As capacity for public Masses at Knock Basilica is currently restricted to 200 people, pilgrims are welcome to join the afternoon ceremonies from their homes again this year. Bishop Martin Hayes will lead the diocesan pilgrimage. The schedule for the afternoon will include the praying of the Rosary at 2.30pm, followed by Mass and Benediction at 3pm. The pilgrimage will be streamed live on [www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live) and Radio Maria (Saorview TV Channel 210) will also broadcast the pilgrimage.

### The Deep End - 'It is like a mustard seed'

**Mark 4:26-34**

Something we may not often think about is Jesus' earthly relationship with creation. Jesus walked everywhere, went to quiet places to pray, preached from mountains, from boats on the water; His followers included fishermen in tune with the rhythm of the sea. In Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* - On Care for Our Common Home, he reminds us that Jesus "was in constant touch with nature, lending it an attention full of fondness and wonder" (*Laudato Si'*, 97). Jesus' parables are full of imagery from the natural world and in today's Gospel we have an example of this in the parable of the mustard seed. People of Jesus' time may have preferred the image of the lofty 'cedars of Lebanon' to explain God's kingdom, mustard plants however, only stand a few feet tall. Jesus is turning the ideals of power and triumph on their head. There is an ancient text which forbade planting mustard seeds in Palestinian gardens because the shrub takes over wherever it is planted and attracts unwanted birds. Author and activist, Shane Claiborne, compares it to *kudzu*, a wild vine that could blanket entire mountain areas, smother trees, even crack cement buildings. This mustard seed image of God's dream for this world is one which suggests that it will grow even in places where it is not wanted, putting cracks in seemingly mighty structures.

The New Testament not only tells us of the earthly Jesus and His tangible and loving relationship with the world. It also shows Him risen and glorious, present throughout all of creation (Col 1:19-20). "The very flowers of the field and the birds which [Christ's] human eyes contemplated and admired are now imbued with His radiant presence" (*Laudato Si'*, 100). As we watch out for traces of the mustard seed kingdom this week, let us also embrace the joy of Christ in all of creation.

**Jane Mellett**

**North Leitrim Women's Centre:** QQI Level 4 Certificate Course in Information and Communications Technology Skills. This **Free** course commences on Tues 14 Sept and thereafter on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10am-1pm in the NLWC. Induction Tues 7 Sept at 10am. Contact the Women's Centre on 071 9856220 or email [info@northleitrimwomenscentre.ie](mailto:info@northleitrimwomenscentre.ie) to book your place.