

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th July 2021

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

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

Fr Loughlain Carolan 985 3012

Masses

Sat 24th July	8:00pm	Creevelea	
Sun 25th July	10:00am	Tarmon	Michael & Teresa Woods.
Sun 25th July	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Vincent & Celia O'Donnell. Tom, Lucy, Jimmy, Packie & Gerry Gilbride.
Mon 26th July	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	
Tues 27th July	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Wed 28th July	10:00am	Creevelea	
Thurs 29th July	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 30th July	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sat 31st July	8:00pm	Creevelea	Frank & Kate Gilhooly & son Jim, Gubadarra.
Sun 1st Aug	10:00am	Tarmon	
Sun 1st Aug	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Felim McPartlan. Elizabeth McPartlan.

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.

Pray For: Dermot Fallon whose funeral took place on Fri 23 July in St Brigid's Church, Drumkeeran. May he rest in peace. Our deepest sympathies to Brid and the family.

Defibrillator Training: The 3 units we have, one on each church, were bought in 2013. They are no longer able to function. We need to replace the Creevelea and Tarmon units only as Drumkeeran is well served with units at the town square, Lough Allen College and at the GAA ground. If you would like to help fund this effort, please use an envelope with your envelope number on it, we can then include the contribution for Tax Rebate. If you have CPR training or would like to take part in training, please give your name and phone number to Fr. Tom. We need people in each church area. Training date to be confirmed.

The Deep End - Gift of Love

John 6:1-15

We meet Jesus today in a situation of need. The crowds have followed Him and they are hungry. Jesus challenges His disciples to provide a meal for them. When they object that they don't have enough money, and only a tiny amount of food, Jesus uses what they have to pull off a remarkable feat (and feast).

For us, this Gospel might bring to mind the situation of migrants and asylum-seekers who experience hunger and hardship today. We are left in no doubt about our obligation to protect and care for those in need, just as Jesus provided for the hungry crowds. This feeding account also has the elements of a Eucharistic meal, with Jesus taking the food, giving thanks, and distributing it to everyone. Jesus doesn't produce this meal from nothing, but transforms what the disciples provide into a blessing for many.

Sharing in Eucharist means sharing our resources. It means ensuring people are not left to fend for themselves in crisis situations. When we receive the body of Jesus, it is a gift of love. But if we do not give and love in return, we are wasting the gift. Where people are in need, it is our responsibility, as followers of Jesus, to share and to provide. God will provide beyond our imagining, no matter how little we think we have to give, but we are invited to take the first step.

"If there is hunger anywhere in the world, then our celebration of the Eucharist is somehow incomplete everywhere in the world... We cannot properly receive the Bread of Life unless at the same time we give the bread of life to those in need wherever and whoever they may be."

(Pedro Arrupe SJ)

Triona Doherty

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