

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th January 2021

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

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

Fr Loughlain Carolan 985 3012

Masses

During lockdown all Mass intentions will be included in private Masses.

Sun 17th Jan Brendan Devitt (1st Anniversary)

Kevie Harkin

Thurs 21st Jan Margaret & Martin Gaffney and Deceased Family

Sat 23rd Jan Mick & Vera Smyth, daughter Teresa, son Joe and Deceased of the Smyth and Gilmartin Families

Pray for: John Kelly, Lisacoghill, whose funeral took place on Wednesday. May he rest in peace. Our sympathies to his wife Celia and all his relatives.

Collection Envelopes: These can be dropped through the letterbox at the Parochial House, thanks. Also please check that you have paid your dues and offertory collections for 2020. The Dues support the priest. The Offertory supports the local church. If paying by cheque, make it payable into the appropriate account:

Dues	Priest's Revenue Account
Offertory - go to either	Tarmon Church Account
	Drumkeerin Church Account
	Creevelea Church Account

If you don't already get envelopes and would like to support your local Parish financially, please contact the Parish Office at the Parochial House, telephone 071 964 8025. Thanks.

Online Masses: To access Masses in Churches around the Diocese, log on to the Diocesan website, www.kilmorediocese.ie and follow the links provided. Or go to www.churchservices.tv.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there

And unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

The Deep End -Come and See:

There is a Brazilian proverb used when a visitor is leaving one's home; 'Whoever drinks of this water keeps coming back'.

Offering a beverage such as a cup of water or tea to a visitor is a universal gesture of welcome and hospitality.

Today we hear how Jesus invites two of His disciples to 'come and see' where He lives. He welcomes them into His home and they stay with Him for the rest of the day, undoubtedly eating and drinking and conversing with Him. Jesus' invitation is simple, yet intimate. We don't know where He lived or what His living arrangements were, but we know He wanted His friends to spend time with Him and get to know Him. This precious early time with Jesus must have set His friends up for a lifetime of discipleship.

We too are invited to 'come and see', to spend time with the Scriptures and in prayer to get to know Jesus. He welcomes us with open arms.

As we reflect on the inviting love of Jesus, we are also encouraged to extend a warm welcome to others in a spirit of friendship. Pope Francis has often spoken of our responsibility, as individuals, communities and Church, to welcome everyone - including those who are homeless or who have been forced to leave their home or country. Our welcome is a response to the Lord's supreme commandment to love the other, the stranger, as ourselves. We all have opportunities to do this in our communities.

'Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age.'

Pope Francis

Triona Doherty

Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme 2020/2021: Leitrim County Council invites applications for the Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme 2020/2021. This scheme aims to encourage the cutting of roadside hedges/trees along the Public Road Network. The scheme is open to individual applicants and groups of applicants/residents. Minimum length of road network per application is 2 km. Further information and application forms are available from our website www.leitrimcoco.ie or by contacting the Roads Department on 071 9620005 Ext. No. 617. E-mail: roads@leitrimcoco.ie. Closing Date is Friday 29th January, 2021.