

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

24th 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.

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

Sun 24th Jan Brigid Wynne (MM)

Pray for:

- + Fr Joe Flynn, St Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan, Co Wicklow, formerly of Tents, Tarmon, who died on Tues 19th Jan. May he rest in peace. Our sympathies to his next-of-kin.
- + Kathleen Rooney (née Forde), Rosaleen Devitt's mother, who died on Wed 20 Jan. May she rest in peace. Our sympathies to Rosaleen and family and all the Rooney Family.

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.

We Pray For: The new president of the U.S.A and its people; that under Joe Biden's leadership the U.S. will be a light to the world not by its example of power but by the power of its example of a democracy of justice, truth, opportunity and peace. We can look forward to his visit to our country in the near future.

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.

Catholic Schools Week: Mass will be held at 11am on Wed 27 Jan from the cathedral at Cavan. The celebrant will be Bishop Martin Hayes, our new bishop of Kilmore. You can log on to www.churchservices.tv/cavancathedral to see the service. This celebration is for all those involved in our Catholic Schools.

St Brigid's NS, Drumkeerin:

1. Is now open for enrolments for the 2021/22 academic year. Prospective parents can contact the school via the email address drumkeerinns@gmail.com to obtain a form or, once school has reopened fully, they can contact the school on 0719648314 to arrange to collect a form.
2. We are looking for a Part-Time Caretaker. Please apply in writing to the Chairperson of the Board of Management, Drumkeerin NS, Sheena, Drumkeerin N41DK12, by 1st February 2021.

The Deep End - Now is the Time:

More than 50 years ago, in his famous "I have a dream" speech, Martin Luther King Jr talked about 'the fierce urgency of now'. He urged people to take positive action and to march forward together to address inequality and injustice, and his energy and conviction brought about massive change.

That sense of 'fierce urgency' seems to grab Jesus and the disciples in today's Gospel. In the opening chapters of Mark's Gospel everything happens 'at once' or immediately. There is a sense of hurry; the time has come, this Kingdom of God is near, and Jesus needs helpers to work alongside Him. Simon, Andrew, James and John are certainly ready, so ready that they are prepared to leave behind their livelihoods, and even their families, to attend to the urgent business of spreading the Good News.

Jesus asks the same of us, His modern-day disciples: "Follow Me". We are summoned too. We are challenged to set aside our worldly concerns, to see the new world in a new way, and to begin a new adventure with Jesus. For every person in our world who is suffering or oppressed or in need, there is a 'fierce urgency of now'. The work of the Kingdom is too immediate to wait.

'This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilising drug of gradualism. Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children... The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges.'

Martin Luther King Jr

Triona Doherty