

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

31st 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 31st Jan Mary & Paddy Devitt, Knockocausan

Pray for:

- + Gerry McPadden, formerly of Main Street, Drumkeeran, whose funeral took place in Drumkeerin on Saturday. May he rest in peace. Our sympathies to his next-of-kin.
- + Mary Agnes Scanlan (née O'Grady), sister of Eamonn O'Grady, who died recently. May she rest in peace. Our sympathies to the Scanlan family and all the O'Grady 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 or www.mcnmedia.tv.

St Francis De Sales: Words of Encouragement - "Do not fear what may happen tomorrow. The same loving Father who cares for you today will care for you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginings."

North West STOP: Provides FREE Counselling in your area with no waiting lists. Please phone or text our Counselling Coordinator on 086 777 2009 to arrange to speak with a counsellor.

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.

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 - Genuine Authority:

'But man, proud man,

Dress'd in a little brief authority,

Most ignorant of what he's most assur'd...'

Measure for Measure - William Shakespeare

We probably wouldn't have to think too hard to come up with examples of people who seem to fit the above description. Puffed up with a sense of their own importance, they are anxious to be seen as the expert on everything, in spite of limited knowledge or experience. We tend to criticise politicians and other public figures if we feel they are blind to the struggles of ordinary people. They don't know what it is like for example to live on a minimum wage, to care for a family member with a disability, or to be at risk of homelessness. On the other hand, it is refreshing when those in power have either faced some of these issues themselves or have made the effort to do some research and really listen to people. We can tell when someone is speaking with genuine authority, care and compassion.

In today's Gospel, those who listen to Jesus' teaching in the synagogue know there is something different and exciting about Him. His teaching is in sharp contrast to the scribes they are used to hearing, and makes a deep impression on them. The difference, as stated twice in this passage, is His authority and it leaves His audience 'astonished'. He does not use His position the way we might use our 'little brief authority' to make ourselves look good. Instead He uses His authority to serve, to love and to bring mercy and freedom.

Triona Doherty