

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Corpus Christi The Body and Blood of Christ

22nd June 2025

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Masses

Sat 21st Jun	7:00pm	Tarmon	Mary Ann McLoughlin & Mai & Tony McLoughlin.
Sun 22nd Jun	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Rosaleen Lyons (2nd Anniversary).
Mon 23rd Jun	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration Hour.
	7:00pm		Bernadette McGuighan.
Tues 24th Jun	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	
Wed 25th Jun	10:00am	Drumkeeran	Tessie O'Rourke & Deceased of the O'Rourke & Higgins Families.
Thurs 26th Jun	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 27th Jun	7:00pm	Creevelea	James & Bridget McKenna.
Sat 28th Jun	7:00pm	Tarmon	Katie & Charlie Smith.
Sun 22nd June	11:15am	Drumkeeran	

Confession: Available after weekday Masses and anytime on request.

Pope's Collection: You can bring in your contribution next weekend, thanks.

Jubilee Year of Hope: Leaflets outlining the schedule of events planned across the Diocese of Kilmore to mark the Jubilee Year of Hope have been published and are now available in each church porch.

Can You Help? We need large, even sized stones suitable for a secure, permanent border around the raised beds we have planned for our Biodiversity project. We also need, large sheets of cardboard, soil and topsoil to fill the same. If you can help in any way, it would be appreciated as it will mean the cost of the work could be kept to a minimum. Also once we have our beds built we will need plants to fill it and also create a habitat for flora and fauna to enjoy. So if you are able, cuttings reared from local grown native plants could be started now to add to the garden. Thanks.

Visitation & Blessing of Graves Killargue Old & New Cemeteries: On Sun 29 June, commencing with Mass in St. Brigid's Church, Killargue, at 2:30pm, with Blessing of Graves in the Old Cemetery immediately after Mass at 3:15pm approximately and continuing to the New Cemetery for 3:45pm approximately. The usual collection will be taken up at the cemetery gates. The proceeds of which goes towards the ongoing upkeep and improvements to our cemeteries. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Prayer of Consecration: To renew the Consecrate Ireland to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Eamon Archbishop of Armagh; will be in Knock on Sun 22 June. All are of course welcome to join him in person or over the webcam at Knock Shrine. I would be very pleased if you could offer the consecration in your own families, homes, parishes and communities and encourage others to do likewise. This can be done any time during June or indeed any time during the remainder of the Jubilee Year 2025. Visit www.knockshrine.ie/sacred-heart-crusade/ for the full programme of the day.

Points to Ponder:

The Vietnamese Cardinal, Francis Van Thuan, who died in 2002, recounting his experience as a prisoner in a Communist re-education camp, wrote:

'In the re-education camp, we were divided into groups of 50 people. We slept on a common bed, and everyone has a right to 50 centimetres of space. We managed to make sure that there were 5 Catholics with me. At 9.30 p.m. we had to turn off the lights and everyone had to go to sleep. It was then that I would bow over the bed to celebrate the Mass by heart, and I distributed communion by passing my hand under the mosquito net. We even made little sacks from the paper of cigarette packs to preserve the Most Holy Sacrament and bring it to others. The Eucharistic Jesus was always with me in my shirt pocket. In this way, the darkness of the prison became a paschal light, and the seed germinated in the ground during the storm. The prison was transformed into a school of catechesis. Thus, in prison, I felt beating within my heart the same heart of Christ. I felt that my life was His life and His was mine.'

The moment of communion in Mass, when we eat the body of Christ and drink His blood, is the moment of greatest intimacy that can exist between Christ and us – as the testimony of Cardinal Van Thuan bears witness. However, we cannot be in communion with the Lord without being in communion with one another. As St Augustine used to remind the assembled congregation as he held up the Sacred Host: 'See what you are and become what you see, the body of Christ'. That is the constant challenge of the Eucharist.

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Thought for the Day: The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Our lives are often shrouded in mystery. Events happen (or don't happen) and we feel confused, bemused, amazed or anxious. What does it all mean? Life itself is a mystery. And a glorious one at that. Perhaps in the face of these mysteries we could simply, just for a wee while, rest in the mystery. Just let it be. Let life be what it is. Experience it for the highs and lows it brings. Don't try to explain it. Don't try to control it. Just "be" in it. Acknowledge that we don't know it all. Resting here, I've a feeling we'll meet with God.

Brendan McManus SJ & Jim Deeds - Finding God in the Mass, Meditations for Mindful Living.

Blessing of the Graves 2025:

Aughaloughy Cemetery - after 11:15am Mass in Drumkeeran Church on Sun 20 July.

Kilbride Cemetery - after 11:15am Mass in Drumkeeran Church on Sun 27 July.

Drumkeeran Cemetery - after 11:15am in Drumkeeran Church Mass on Sun 3 Aug.

Curragh's Cemetery - after 11:15am Mass in Tarmon Church on Sun 10 Aug.

For Curragh's Cemetery weekend, the Vigil Mass will be in Drumkeeran on Sat 9 Aug at 7:00pm. Please remember to bring Holy Water with you or a small container to collect Holy Water provided on the day in each Cemetery.

Drumkeeran Tidy Towns – AGM Notice: The Annual General Meeting of Drumkeeran Tidy Towns will take place on Mon 30 June at 9:00pm in the Courthouse, Drumkeeran.

All members of the community are warmly invited to attend. Your support is vital to our continued success in keeping Drumkeeran clean and beautiful.

Children's Disco: In memory of Nova-Leigh Breeze, Drumkeeran Youth Café are holding a charity disco for National School Children on Fri 27 June at 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Courthouse. €5 per child.

North Leitrim Women's Centre: Gut Health and Hormones. A wellness talk for women 40+ with Dee Hamill, Nutritional Therapist. On Thurs 26 June at 10:30am until 12:30pm in the Women's Centre; and on Thurs 3 July from 7:00pm until 8:30pm via zoom. This is a free workshop, choose what time and date that suits you. To register contact the Women's Centre on 071 9856220.