

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

16th July 2023

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

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

Fr Loughlain Carolan 985 3012

Masses

Sat 15th July	8:00pm	Drumkeeran	Margaret O'Rourke, Cloonmone.
Mon 17th July	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration until 7:00pm.
Sat 22nd July	8:00pm	Creevelea	
Sun 23rd July	10:00am	Tarmon	
	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Dermott Fallon (2nd Anniv) & Parents Patrick & Kathleen.
Mon 24th July	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration until 6:50pm.
	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	Joseph Molloy.

No weekday Mass from Mon 3 July until Mon 24 July. Fr Tom on holiday.
There will be one weekend mass in Drumkeeran Church at 8:00pm on Sat 8 July and Sat 15 July. Normal Mass timetable resumes on Sat 22 July with Mass in Creevelea.
Emergency cover by Fr. Paul Casey, Dromahaire.

Pray For: Kathleen Harrison (née Flanagan) of Sheena, Drumkeeran. Kathleen died on Wed 12 July; her funeral took place in St Brigid's Church, Drumkeeran on Sun 16 July. May she rest at peace in the loving arms of the Lord.

Drumkeeran Readers: We still need more readers can you volunteer?

Blessing of the Graves:

Aughaloughey - after 11:15am Mass in Drumkeeran on Sun 23 July.

Kilbride - after 11:15am Mass in Drumkeeran on Sun 30 July.

Drumkeeran - after 11:15am Mass in Drumkeeran on Sun 6 Aug.

Currags/Tarmon - after 11:15am Mass, this will be in Tarmon Church, on Sun 13 Aug. The 10:00am Mass that Sunday will be in Drumkeeran Church.

Please bring Holy Water with you or a small container to collect some on the day.

Drumkeeran Church Choir: Rehearsals in future will be on Mondays. The next rehearsal is on Mon 17 July at 8:30pm, then Mon 24 July at 8:30pm and again on Mon 31 July to prepare for the Blessing of the Graves Mass on Sun 6 Aug.

Kilmore Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine: Will take place on Wed 9 Aug, the Feast of St Felim, the Patron Saint of the Kilmore Diocese. Ceremonies will begin at 2:00pm with the outdoor Stations of the Cross and Rosary Procession. The Celebration of Mass and the Anointing of the Sick will take place at 3:00pm. Bishop Martin Hayes will be the main celebrant. The combined choirs of St Michael's Church, Cootehill and St Patrick's Church, Maudabawn will provide the sacred music. It will be a great opportunity for families across the diocese to attend the pilgrimage before the end of the summer holidays. Also: 4 Day Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine organised by Knock Pilgrimages: €549.00 per person sharing. Price includes return bus transfer, 3 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Pilgrimage concludes with Mass in the Basilica celebrated by Bishop Martin Hayes on the Annual Diocesan Day for Kilmore. Contact Patricia on 087 1890 236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Points to Ponder: The words of Jesus do not all bear fruit. Knowing this did not stop Jesus from speaking, but he continued to proclaim good news, truth and life to any who would listen. I take care to review the measures by which I value my actions and words. I pray for the strength to continue speaking and acting - even in the absence of evident encouraging results.

Truth is not determined by a majority, but is scattered abroad, being recognised and valued by some. I ask God to help me to hear Jesus' word for me and to take it to heart.

Many biblical commentators see this parable as the basic metaphor of the whole Gospel. The seed is the Word, and the sower is God, whose will can never be stopped. The seed falls on different types of ground, but the great majority certainly falls on good ground and its fruit more than makes up for the seeds that fall on more difficult ground. It is the parable of optimism, something which is often lacking in followers of the Gospel.

If I am a normal person, my heart contains all four sorts of ground, being more or less open to the Gospel message. I ask for light to see where the hardness and the insecurity lie, and ask the Sower that my life may bear abundant fruit.

Jesus' parables can heal us to hear and understand how things stand between God and ourselves. They are nuggets of grace that test our heart's willingness to surrender to the generosity of God.

When I come to pray, do I have the soil of an open heart towards Jesus and His teachings?

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