

# PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6th July 2025

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

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

### Masses

Sat 5th Jul	7:00pm	Tarmon	Joe Mc Niff (MM).
Sun 6th Jul	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Tommy Cassidy, Derrinweir Michael & Theresa Fee & Deceased Family, Moneenatieve.
Mon 7th Jul	6:00pm 7:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration Hour. Mary Ann & John Devaney.
Tues 8th Jul	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	
Wed 9th Jul	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Thurs 10th Jul	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 11th Jul	7:00pm	Creevelea	
Sat 12th Jul	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sun 13th Jul	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Margaret O'Rourke, Cloonmone.

**Pastoral Council Meeting:** Bishop Martin Hayes met the pastoral council on Thursday. The main topic of discussion was the necessary early retirement of Fr. Tom due to ongoing and long- lasting health issues. This will be included in the Bishop's changes in the near future.

**Confession:** Available after weekday Masses and anytime on request.

**Drama:** "God rest his Soul", Drumkeeran Community Centre, Thurs 17, Fri 18, Sun 20 July at 8:00pm. Booking is required. Call (087) 2448642. 20% of seats are booked already!

**Pope's Collection:** Thanks to all who have contributed. €785 has been contributed. This is one way to help Pope Leo in his charitable work in the way he chooses.

**North Leitrim Womens Centre:** Celebrating 30 years of working with and supporting local women. We would like to invite all past Board/Committee and Staff to join us for an evening of memories, chat and cake. Tues 22 July from 5:30pm until 7:30pm in The Bee Park Centre, Manorhamilton. Refreshments served.

**National Grandparents Pilgrimage 2025:** To Knock Shrine on Sun 27 July. It will be a celebration of World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly. Theme: "Blessed are those who have not lost hope". Chief Celebrant Archbishop Francis Duffy. Anointing of the Sick in the Basilica at 2:30pm, Mass at 3:00pm. Those unable to travel can take part online at [www.knockshrine.ie/watch](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch). See details on the church noticeboards.

**Kilmore Diocesan Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage:** To Knock on Sat 9 August on the Feast of St. Felim. Mass at 3:00pm, celebrant Bishop Martin Hayes. Anointing of the sick during the Mass. Stations of the Cross and Rosary outdoors at 2:00pm. All welcome.

**Kilmore Diocesan PTAA:** Pioneer Sunday at Knock on 20th July. Also a pilgrimage to Lough Derg from Fri 11 July to Sun 13 July.

### Points to Ponder:

One of the reasons we prefer to delegate our Lord's evangelistic work to priests, religious and missionaries is that we fear rejection. When by our words and lifestyles we tell others about Jesus, we sometimes find ourselves labelled as 'religious fanatics,' 'Bible-thumpers,' or perhaps, simply as 'old-fashioned.' Many times we take the rejection personally. So Jesus consoles us: 'Let your peace come back to you.' This means, 'Don't take it personally. You have done your part, so don't worry about the outcome.' He goes on, telling them, 'Rejoice because your names are written in Heaven' in the Book of Life! It is not up to us to force anyone to accept Jesus. Our mission is to prepare the way. If a person's heart is open, the Lord will enter in.

A recent survey asked the question, 'Why do adults join the Catholic Church in spite of the scandals publicised in the media?' Seventy-five percent of the new adult converts to the Catholic Church reported that they were attracted by a personal invitation from a Catholic who had a lively relationship with Christ and his Church. As faithful Catholics, we will attract others to the Catholic Church – just as a rose attracts people by its beauty and fragrance. It's our job. It's our responsibility. We must not miss the current opportunities to be apostles in everyday life by our words and deeds.

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### Thought for the Day:

Henri Amyl, a Swiss philosopher, wrote about the importance of simplicity: 'All of us are generally bound up with hindrances and duties that wind about us like a spider's web that restricts our movements. In order to simplify our duties and our lives we must know how to disengage what is essential from the detail in which it is entrapped. It is a lack of order that makes us slaves.'

Pope John XXIII once said, 'I must strip my views of all useless foliage and concentrate on what is truth, justice and charity.'

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**Reflection:** The message entrusted to the disciples by Jesus is peace and the nearness of the kingdom of God. This same message of peace and justice, forgiveness and healing, and the Good News of God's Kingdom, has been entrusted to the Church down the centuries. Now it is my turn to witness to it.

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**Reflection:** Jesus is preparing His disciples for mission. He leaves them in no doubt about the challenges, obstacles and dangers which will await them. They will succeed however, because the power of God is working with them. Accordingly, "the seventy return with joy". Do I experience that joy when I do what the Lord wants?

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