

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9th 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 8th July	8:00pm	Drumkeeran	Michael & Teresa Fee, Moneenatieve. Frank & Josie McPartland, Grouselodge.
Mon 3rd July	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration until 7:00pm.
Sat 15th July	8:00pm	Drumkeeran	Margaret O'Rourke, Cloonmone
Sun 23rd July	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Dermott Fallon (2nd Anniv) & Parents Patrick & Kathleen.

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.

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.

Curraghs/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.

Mother Teresa Relic and Speaking Event at the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre:

On Wed 19 July, author Jim Towey, trusted advisor and devoted friend of Mother Teresa, will share stories of her mission, life, and long connection with Ireland at a speaking event in the Diocesan Pastoral Centre's Drumlane Room from 7:00pm to 8:30pm with a book-signing opportunity beforehand from 6:30pm. A sacred relic of Saint Teresa of Calcutta will be displayed for veneration in The Conaty Chapel on the same day from 2:00pm until 9:00pm approximately when a blessing with the relic will be imparted. Mass will be celebrated at 3:00pm and 6:00pm. Petitions/Offerings may be sent to the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, The Conaty Centre, Cullies, Cavan H12 E5C7. All petitions received will be placed beside the relic during its visit. Please write "Petitions" on the top left hand corner of the envelope. For further information, please contact 086 0400 688 or the Diocesan Pastoral Centre on 049 4375004.

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.

Points to Ponder: Because our burdens are not simple, they are not relieved by simplistic platitudes. But a simple promise can relieve a complex burden, provided we believe that the power behind the promise is complex and strong enough to relieve our heaviness. And into our weariness steps the most complex power in existence speaking a promise as simple, hopeful and refreshing as we could possibly want:

"Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Our souls only find rest in hope. That's what we're frantically looking for whenever our souls are burdened and restless; hope. And that's what most of the marketing of most of the products in the world tries to offer us: hope. But they are false hopes for soul-rest, providing only temporary distraction for or briefly masking the effects of our burdened souls. They don't truly lighten our loads. No, our burdened souls only truly find rest in one place.

Jesus' great invitation for us to come to Him, exchange yokes, and find rest is not intended for us to do in isolation. He intends for us to come to Him in community, to come together. That's one massive reason the Church exists. We all bear burdens and become weary, but in different ways, for different reasons and often at different times. When we are weary, we are easily discouraged and can be given to cynical unbelief. In those moments we are often not the best preachers for our souls. We need others to speak truth to us and help us believe in Jesus.

Jon Bloom, www.desiringgod.org.

The Leitrim Women Through Time Project: Will host some exciting local history events this summer. The first of these will take place on Mon 10 July at 7:00pm in the Beepark Resource Centre; local historian and member of the Manorhamilton and District Historical Society, Maureen Keaney will give a talk on "The Western Button Company: The story of button manufacturing in Manorhamilton from 1937 to 1972". The talk will be followed by a craft workshop with artist Mary Foley at 8:00pm, which will feature the use of some original buttons made in Manorhamilton. The project would love to hear the memories of women who worked in the factory, or of the families of those with connections to it, and encourage anyone with original Manorhamilton buttons to bring them along to show on the night. Everyone is welcome to come along to this free event. For more information contact the Women's Centre on 071 9856220.

Blood Donations: Stocks are running low, so please visit www.giveblood.ie to find a donation point near you. Blood Donation clinics are still by appointment so we are asking Donors to ring 1800 222 111 to make an appointment.