

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10th August 2025

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

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

Masses

Sat 9th Aug	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	Eddie Williams. Tommy Dragan. Patrick & Elizabeth McMorow (1st Anniversary).
Change of venue due to Blessing of the Graves in Curraghs Cemetery on Sunday.			
Sun 10th Aug	11:15am	Tarmon	Pat & Tessie McManus & Deceased Family. Deceased of the Flynn Family, Corglass. Raymond Travers (2nd Anniversary) & Parents Lena & Michael & Grandparents.
Blessing of the Graves in Curraghs Cemetery after this Mass. Please bring Holy Water with you or a small container to get some of the Holy Water provided in the cemetery. Please contribute to the cemetery collection.			
Mon 11th Aug	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration.
	7:00pm		Mass.
	8:30pm		Choir Practice.
Tues 12th Aug	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	
Wed 13th Aug	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Thur 14th Aug	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	Vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Fri 15th Aug	7:00pm	Creevelea	Mass of the Assumption.
Sat 16th Aug	7:00pm	Tarmon	No Vigil Mass in TARMON - Vigil Mass available in Killargue Church at 8:00pm.
Sun 17th Aug	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Hugh & Annie McPartland & Stephen McPartland & Deceased Family. Paddy Travers & Deceased Family.

Confession: Available after weekday Masses and anytime on request.

ACN Pilgrimage to Knock: Papal charity Aid to the Church in Need Ireland invites people to join their national pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Sat 30 Aug to highlight the plight of Christians who suffer persecution for their faith in many parts of the world. Mass is in the basilica at 3:00pm. All welcome. For more info, see www.acnireland.org.

Knockninny Parish: Are holding a Walk of Hope on Sat 6 Sept, starting at 7:00pm with prayers at St Ninnidh's Well; followed by a walk to Aughakillymaude Community Centre for open-air Mass at 7:30pm. Refreshments will be available after Mass. All welcome.

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG: Provides online and in person couples and relationship counselling to individuals and couples who wish to improve the quality of their relationship or to co-parent in a positive way for the benefit of their children. They provide an understanding and non-judgemental service, which provides resources and expertise to enable couples to manage their couple relationship better. Our leaflet includes very useful information in relation to the key benefits of counselling, leaflets are available on the table in each church. Please get in touch with us on info@accord.ie or 01 505 3112 if you require any further information.

Drumkeeran NS Job Vacancy: The National school is looking for a cleaner if you are interested, please contact the school via the email, drumkeerins@gmail.com.

Points to Ponder:

The unexpected - Most of us don't like to be taken too much by surprise. We like to think that we have a good idea of what is coming down the road and when it is coming. Yet, we know from experience that the unexpected does happen. It is that experience of the unexpected that features in the parables Jesus speaks in this morning's Gospel reading. The burglar breaks through the wall of a house at an hour nobody expects; the master arrives home at a time when his irresponsible servant is not expecting him. Jesus indicates that there can be the element of the unexpected in His relationship with us and ours with Him. The Son of Man comes at an hour we do not expect. We may be inclined to relate that to the hour of our death; sudden and unexpected death is certainly a reality. However, more may be being referred to than that. The Son of Man comes to us in the course of our lives; His daily coming in the midst of life can also be unexpected. The Lord may call us to do something we had never thought about; He may take us down a path we might never have gone down if left to ourselves. The Lord can come to us through unexpected people, through people we would never think of as the Lord's messengers. The Gospel reading suggests that when it comes to the Lord, we can expect the unexpected. He is always the God of surprises and that requires us to be alert and attentive to His many unexpected comings.

Fr Martin Hogan curate in the parish of Finglas, Finglas West and Rivermount

Thought for the Day: 'To be hospitable we have to get out of ourselves and become interested in the other.' (Gula)

Often our lack of hospitality is simply the failure to notice and acknowledge others and their needs – the needs of the larger world and the needs of those closest to us. Jesus models that attentiveness. He noticed the sick, the excluded, the hungry, those that others passed by. God continues to be attentive. As we contemplate the ministry of Jesus, we are called to heighten our awareness of others so that we can carry on the ministry of Jesus.

Gerald M. Fagin SJ, Putting on the Heart of Christ

RSS Scheme: Help Needed - If you or the family have a herd number and you are on social welfare allowance, you can qualify to work on the scheme. Please let Fr Tom know and he will put you in touch with the supervisor Brian McGloin.

North Leitrim Women's Centre: Looking to update your computer skills - QQI Level 4 - Certificate in Office Skills. Information Day: Sept 9th at 11:00am. Classes start on the 11 Sept from 10:00am to 1:00pm and will run each week on a Tuesday and Thursday. Contact the Centre on 071 985 6220 to book a place. This course is free of charge.

Drumkeerin Family Festival: Will run from Sat 16 to Sun 24 Aug, join us for a week of fun and community spirit at the Drumkeerin Family Festival! Highlights include:

- The Old Fair Day on Sat 16 Aug from 12 noon.
- The Annual Sports Day on Sun 17 Aug from 1:00pm at the GAA Pitch.
- Social Dance on Mon 18 Aug at 9:00pm in Drumkeerin Community Centre.
- God Rest His Soul a Drama performance on Tues 19 Aug, curtain up at 8:00pm Booking required; to book your seat please call, message or WhatsApp 0872448642.
- Darts Competition on Fri 22 Aug from 6:30pm in The Cosy Corner.
- Festival Bingo on Sat 23 Aug from 8:00pm in Lough Allen College.
- Ball Race and Music on the Street on Sun 24 Aug from 7:00pm featuring Aoife Duignan & Dul Arís.

And Lots more! Full programme available at facebook.com/drumkeerinfestival.

John McKenna Traditional Society: Kick-start your child's journey into music with tin whistle & flute classes. Tutors Caitríona Horan & Lillian Harris. We hope to recommence the classes in Drumkeerin in September. Contact Tina 086 1608378.