PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th August 2024 Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025 <u>Neighbouring Priests:</u> Fr T Mannion 964 3014 - Fr P Casey 916 4143 -Fr Loughlain Carolan 985 3012

Masses

Sat 10th Aug Sun 11th Aug	7:00pm 11:15am	Drumkeeran Tarmon	Blessing of the Graves in Curraghs Cemetery follows this Mass. Pat & Tessie McManus & Deceased Family. Raymond Travers (1st Anniversary) & Parents Michael & Lena. Frank & Josie McPartland & Deceased Family, Grouselodge.
Mon 12th Aug	6:00pm 7:00pm	Drumkeeran Drumkeeran	Adoration. Mass.
Tue 13th Aug Wed 14th Aug	11:00am 10:00am	Áras Bhríde Creevelea	Kathloon & Tom Callaghor, Loonagh
Thurs 15th Aug		Drumkeeran	Kathleen & Tom Gallagher, Leonagh. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Fri 16th Aug	7:00pm	Tarmon	Frank & Mary Gallagher, Cloonamurgal.
Sat 17th Aug	7:00pm	Tarmon	Eddie Williams.
Sun 18th Aug	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Rita & Tommy Gilhooly, Gertie Fallon & Deceased of the Fallon & Gilhooly Families, Drumnasoonan. Essie (Margaret) McLoughlin, Sheena (1st Anniversary).

Blessing of the Graves 2024: As we come to the end of the schedule for this year, we would like to thank all those who have helped either with their time or financially, thank you. Curraghs Cemetery - after 11:15am Mass in Tarmon Church this Sunday, 11 August. **Please remember to bring holy water or a small container to collect enough to bless you plot from the Holy water that will be provided in the cemetery.*

Pray For:

- + Fiona Reynolds née Burke, former Principal of St Patrick's National School, Tarmon. Fiona's funeral took place in St Patrick's Church, Crossna on Mon 5 Aug.
- Johnny McGahey formerly of Geaglum and Sheena whose funeral took place on Thurs 8 Aug in St Brigid's Church, Drumkeeran.

May they both rest in peace with the Lord.

Welcome: To Zoë Isabelle Brigid Quill, daughter of Gavin and Niamh, who was baptised in St Brigid's Church, Drumkeeran on Sat 3 Aug. May she have a long and blessed life.

Cemetery Sunday - Curraghs: Please be generous in the voluntary collection in the cemetery today. The funds will go to the upkeep of the cemetery and hopefully to the extension of the cemetery, which is awaiting planning permission. There is no charge to enter the cemetery. It is all voluntary. Containers of Holy Water will be placed at the entrance gate midway in the cemetery. Please use the cups provided to fill your own small container and don't bring these cups away because you are making it more difficult for somebody else, thanks. Thank you to all the volunteers today in the Liturgy and in the cemetery and all who tidied up their grave plots.

Drumkeeran Church Choir: Practice will be on Mon 12 and Mon 19 Aug at 8:30pm; new members are always welcome.

Heritage Week History Talk: A history talk titled The Mass Rocks on the Mountain: Sliabh an Iarainn in Penal Times will be given by Fr Liam Kelly in Aras Phadraig, Drumshanbo on Tues 20 Aug at 8:00pm. All are welcome.

Points to Ponder

John 6:41-51

St Ignatius Lovola in his writings tells us that authentic spiritual transformation can only begin when people are willing to relinquish their position as being at the centre of things and that the denial of self at the core is part and parcel of true discipleship. Human selfishness is so insidious he tells us that it prevents easy detection. Jesus in today's Gospel encountered a certain self-centredness in those He had come to serve and save. They gladly ate the bread that Jesus gave them but they were unable or unwilling to appreciate Jesus as anyone other than the son of Joseph and Mary and did not allow their narrow messianic expectations to be broadened or their deeper hungers to be fed by the living bread He offered. Rather than become true followers/disciples of Jesus, they remained centred within themselves. We must look beyond the bread to what it symbolises, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, Corpus Christi. Food/bread is the conduit Jesus chose to communicate God's love but also His abiding presence with His own. When we eat the food that is Jesus with faith in our minds and hope in our hearts, we are given a foretaste of eternal life. Today we have the good fortune to hear the word spoken to Elijah, 'Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you. (1 www.blessingtonparish.ie Kings 19)

Drumkeeran Community Festival 2024: Begins on Fri 16 Aug and continues with entertainment and competitions through to Sun 25 Aug. The fabulous Old Fair Day is on Sat 17 Aug starting at 12 noon. There are lots of other events planned, see the programmes in the local shops or check out the Parish website or Facebook page for more information. All are welcome to attend!

Job Opportunity: Driver/Kitchen Assistant; part-time required for Mo Chairde Day Centre based in Keadue. Full clean Driving Licence is essential and experience of working with older people is desirable.

For further details and job description, please see www.rosleaderpartnership.ie/ recruitment. Email your CV and cover letter to recruitment@ridc.ie.