

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

28th July 2024

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Masses

Sat 27th July	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sun 28th July	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Vincent & Celia O'Donnell. Thomas McPartlan & Packie & Mary Noonan. Blessing of the Graves in Kilbride Cemetery follows this Mass.
Mon 29th July	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration.
	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	Mass.
Tue 30th July	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	No Mass.
Wed 31st July	10:00am	Creevelea	
Thurs 1st Aug	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 2nd Aug	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sat 3rd Aug	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sun 4th Aug	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Blessing of the Graves in Drumkeeran Cemetery follows this Mass. Felim McPartlan & Pierce & Mary Ellen Gilhooly. Tommy Drugan. Deceased of the Gilbride Family. Tom & Rose Travers & Deceased Family. Paddy Forde, Corcormick & Deceased Family. Michael & Katherine Kelly & Deceased Family, Kilmore.

Blessing of the Graves 2024: The schedule for this year is as follows;

Kilbride Cemetery - after 11:15am Mass in Drumkeeran this Sun 28 July.

Drumkeeran Cemetery - after 11:15am in Drumkeeran Church Mass on Sun 4 Aug.

Curraghs Cemetery - after 11:15am Mass in Tarmon Church on Sun 11 Aug.

**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.*

Light the fire: Join Archbishop Francis Duffy and Dana in Ballintubber Abbey on Sun 4 Aug to rekindle the fire of faith and walk in the footsteps of our ancestors, who suffered and sacrificed much to keep the flame of faith burning bright in our country. Rosary 1:15pm, 2:00pm Holy Mass, 3:00pm Eucharistic Healing service. The organisers are asking everyone to make a big effort to join them on the day as a witness to our faith and to pray for the fire of faith to burn brightly again in our country. For further information contact lightthefireaug24@gmail.com or (087) 947 7256.

Visitation: Fr Tom will be doing his rounds on Fri 2 Aug.

Pray For: Francis (Frank) McMorro, of Lugmeen, Drumkeeran, and formerly of Glenboy, Manorhamilton, who died at St. Phelim's Nursing Home, Dromahair. Frank's funeral took place on Thurs 25 July at St Brigid's Church, Drumkeeran. May he rest in peace.

Congratulations: To Moira McManus and Cathal Gallen who were married in St Brigid's Church, Drumkeeran on Thurs 25 July. May they know God's help all through their married lives.

Collectors for August: **Drumkeeran Church;** Aiden McHugh, Kevin Forde, Aaron Wynne, Ann Marie Daly.

Tarmon Church; Anna McManus, Tommy McLoughlin.

Readers: **Drumkeeran Church;** Sharon & Keeley Harrison.

Tarmon Church; Kathleen Flynn.

Readings can be collected in each sacristy.

Points to Ponder

John 6:1-15

God has the power of creating something out of nothing, but He asks for human collaboration, even if it is minimal. Here it is no different. The apostles are utterly poor: they can bring to Our Lord only five loaves and two fish from a boy they find in the crowd. Jesus asks us to contribute because He wants to teach us to be generous, even when we think we have nothing to give. It is when we give from our want that we most please Our Lord (Cf. Luke 21:1-4). Poverty is never an excuse for lack of generosity in serving and working for Our Lord. This miracle proves to us that Our Lord can never be outdone in generosity. Jesus slowly prepared His apostles and disciples for His teaching on the Real Presence in the Eucharist. He had to purify their hearts and prune out attachment to the things of this world for them to accept the difficult teaching about His self-giving love found in the Eucharist. Even so, when He saw that the people were about to miss the point of His miracle, Our Lord 'withdrew again to the mountain alone' (John 6:15). Sometimes Our Lord withdraws the comfort and consolation of His presence in our lives because we wrongly interpret their meaning and purpose. Do I correctly discern the spirit in my heart when I pray? Am I happy only for things that give me comfort, or am I genuinely coming closer to Christ because I recognise who He is and return to Him the same authentic love He gives me and wants from me?

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Thought for the Day:

Grandparents bestow upon their grandchildren the strength and wisdom that time and experience have given them. Grandchildren bless their grandparents with a youthful vitality and innocence that help them stay young at heart forever. Together they create a chain of love linking the past with the future. The chain may lengthen, but it will never part. Grandparents are a family's greatest treasure; the founders of a loving legacy, the greatest storytellers, the keepers of traditions that linger on in cherished memory. Grandparents are the family's strong foundation. Their very special love sets them apart. Through happiness and sorrow, through their special love and caring, Grandparents keep a family close at heart.

(Author unknown)

Drumkeeran Ladies GAA: Bake Sale Sun 4 Aug straight after the Blessing of Graves at the bottom of the graveyard. Tea/Coffee served. Please Support. Thanks.

Can you help? Do you know if there are any relations of Fr. Michael McLoughlin living in the area? He was a native of Drumkeeran and died in 1920 as a young man in Belturbet. The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: Will be celebrated for the fourth time in 2024 this Sunday, 28 July - this is the closest Sunday to the Feasts of Sts Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's celebration is: "Do not cast me off in my old age" (cf. Psalm 71:9). There is a pilgrimage to Knock Shrine for the celebrations - please see the posters on the noticeboards.