

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

30th 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 29th July	8:00pm	Creevelea	Peter & Gertrude Gallagher, Shividillagh & Kate and Frank Gilhooly, Gubaderra & Sons Jim & Frank.
Sun 30th July	10:00am	Tarmon	Vincent & Celia O'Donnell. Elizabeth (Betty) McPartlan. Blessing of the Graves in Kilbride Cemetery after this Mass.
	11:15am	Drumkeeran	
Mon 31st July	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration until 6:50pm. Mass.
	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	
Tue 1st Aug	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	
Wed 2nd Aug	10:00am	Creevelea	
Thur 3rd Aug	10:00am	Drumkeeran	NO MASS.
Fri 4th Aug	7:00pm	DRUMKEERAN	Rosaleen Lyons (MM).
Sat 5th Aug	8:00pm	Creevelea	
Sun 6th Aug	10:00am	Tarmon	Paddy Forde & Deceased Members of the Forde Family, Curcormick. Felim McPartlan. Pierce & Mary Ellen Gilhooly. Seamus Horan & Grandson Christopher Jack. Blessing of the Graves in Drumkeeran Cemetery follows this Mass.
	11:15am	Drumkeeran	

Confession: Available after weekday Mass or on request.

Visitation: Fr Tom will be doing his rounds on Fri 4 Aug.

Blessing of the Graves: Please bring Holy Water with you or a small container to collect some on the day.

Drumkeeran Church Choir: The next rehearsal is on Mon 31 July at 8:30pm to prepare for the Blessing of the Graves Mass on Sun 6 Aug.

Ministers for August: Readers - Creevelea -
Tarmon - Bláithín McPartlan.
Drumkeeran - Mary Wiggins.

Pope's Collection: The total is €735, thanks to all who have contributed.

Kilmore Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine: Will take place on Wed 9 Aug, the Feast of St Felim, the Patron Saint of the Kilmore Diocese. Ceremonies will begin at 2:00pm with the outdoor Stations of the Cross and Rosary Procession. The Celebration of Mass and the Anointing of the Sick will take place at 3:00pm. Bishop Martin Hayes will be the main celebrant. The combined choirs of St Michael's Church, Cootehill and St Patrick's Church, Maudabawn will provide the sacred music. It will be a great opportunity for families across the diocese to attend the pilgrimage before the end of the summer holidays. Also: 4 Day Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine organised by Knock Pilgrimages: €549.00 per person sharing. Price includes return bus transfer, 3 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Pilgrimage concludes with Mass in the Basilica celebrated by Bishop Martin Hayes on the Annual Diocesan Day for Kilmore. Contact Patricia on 087 1890 236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Points to Ponder: The demands of the Gospel seem so total; to obtain the Kingdom, one has to sell everything. Yet it is also a process, a journey. What is most important is the movement and the direction of my life. Only the one who searches can find, those who are happy with where they are will never find anything worth giving their life for. Am I in a stagnant phase or am I still searching, digging deeper in the field of my heart?

Selling everything to obtain what they really desired so deeply filled both men in the parables with deep joy. This seems a contradiction, but this is what our experience tells us. As the prayer of St Francis puts it, it is in giving that we receive. I ask for a heart full of freedom, freedom to give all and to receive all. Have I found the pearl of great value, for which I am ready to sell all I have to buy it? Am I still looking for it, or am I resigned to a life of mediocrity in my relationship with others, with God in my prayer, in my work life? If I have found it, am I ready to sell all that I have to obtain it? Jesus compares this pearl to the Kingdom He came to proclaim and inaugurate, and this gives me joy and hope.

The parable is not inviting you to think about somebody else - some random trespasser. Jesus is inviting you to recognise where your heart is. For whom or for what would you go without everything else?
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Leitrim Women Through Time Project: Mary Alice Redican - The Leitrim Bone Setter; Leitrim writer Andrew Redican will present a fascinating talk about his late mother, Mary Alice Redican, a highly regarded bone-setter in Leitrim during the twentieth century. On Thurs 10 Aug at 7pm in the Bee Park Centre, Manorhamilton. The event is free to everyone.