

# PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

23rd July 2023

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### Masses

Sat 22nd July	8:00pm	Creevelea	
Sun 23rd July	10:00am	Tarmon	
	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Dermott Fallon (2nd Anniv) & Parents Patrick & Kathleen.
Mon 24th July	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration until 6:50pm.
	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	Joseph Molloy.
Tue 25th July	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	
Wed 26th July	10:00am	Creevelea	
Thur 27th July	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 28th July	7:00pm	Tarmon	Mary & John Woods.
Sat 29th July	8:00pm	Creevelea	
Sun 30th July	10:00am	Tarmon	
	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Vincent & Celia O'Donnell. Elizabeth (Betty) McPartlan.

**Pray For:** The death has occurred recently of Margaret McMahon (nee Carty) in New York formerly of Lisacoghill, Drumkeeran. May she rest in peace.

#### 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.

**Currags/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.

**Drumkeeran Church Choir:** The next rehearsal is on 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.

**Jesuit Week at Knock Shrine:** From 23rd – 30th July 2023; the theme will be 'Nourishment for a Hungry Heart'. You are invited to participate in all the events this week, or to drop in for any session. The Week can serve as a Retreat for those who wish. It is not necessary to book, all are welcome. Sessions will take place in the Taize Room in the Prayer Centre unless otherwise stated.

Daily Schedule; Mon 24 to Fri 28 July:

09:45 Morning Prayer.  
10:00 - 10.30 Presentation of the Day's Theme.  
11:15 - 11:45 Small Group Facilitation session.  
12:00 Mass in Basilica.  
16:00 - 16:20 Guided Prayer.  
16:30 - 17:00 Facilitated Sharing.  
20:40 - 21:00 Guided Evening Prayer in the Apparition Chapel.

For further details, see [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie).

**You are invited!** Archbishop Eamon Martin will celebrate Mass at Slane on Sun 6 Aug as part of the Light the Fire rosary/healing service on World Youth Day. Sister Briege McKenna will lead the healing service while Eurovision's Dana will sing her new song for Saint Patrick which recalls how our patron saint lit the fire of faith on Slane in 433AD. All welcome 12:15 to 4:30pm. (Hill of Slane, County Meath, C15DV76). For more information please email: [hillofslaneaugust6@gmail.com](mailto:hillofslaneaugust6@gmail.com).

#### Points to Ponder:

On the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, Pope Francis gives us an opportunity to detach from the seemingly new and immediate and to honour those who teach us another way. The celebration falls on the fourth Sunday of July, the Sunday closest to the feast of Ss. Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. This day is an occasion for us to slow down, to appreciate the wisdom of years past, and to thank those who have handed it down to us. In short, it is a time to receive and to give. First, it is a time to receive and to appreciate all that they have given us. Many of us have wonderful memories of our grandparents. Maybe we recall a celebration or family tradition, or perhaps simply their presence in our lives. We might have a keepsake that reminds us of them, of the times we shared with them one-to-one, and of their love for us. We treasure their stories and advice. These things remind us of what we have received - and continue to receive - from them.

One thing we receive from them, is perspective in the here and now. We live in turbulent times. We can focus so much on our current circumstances that we give them an outside importance and perhaps think that we are alone in facing our challenges. Our grandparents and the elderly put things in perspective and teach us that we are not alone. They themselves struggled, suffered setbacks and sorrows, but still found much joy in their lives. By looking back and reflecting, we can see that they are able to offer us unparalleled advice and perspective.

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