

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Day of Prayer for Temperance

Safeguarding Sunday

15th February 2026

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Masses

Sat 14th Feb	7:00pm	Creevelea.
	8:00pm	Mary, Mother of God Church, Newtownmanor.
Sun 15th Feb	10:00am	Drumkeeran. Michael Wynne. Mary & Peter Flynn, Barraghmore.
	11:30am	St Patrick's Church, Dromahair.
Mon 16th Feb	6:00pm	Drumkeeran. Exposition only.
Tues 17th Feb	11:00am	Áras Bhríde.
	7:00pm	St Brigid's Church, Killargue. - Exposition with Mass at 8:00pm.
Wed 18th Feb	9:30am	St Patrick's Church, Dromahair.
Thur 19th Feb	10:00am	Drumkeeran.
	7:00pm	Mary, Mother of God Church, Newtownmanor - Exposition with Mass at 8:00pm.
Fri 20th Feb	7:00pm	St Patrick's Church, Dromahair.
Sat 21st Feb	7:00pm	Tarmon.
	8:00pm	St Brigid's Church, Killargue.
Sun 22nd Feb	10:00am	Drumkeeran.
	11:30am	St Patrick's Church, Dromahair.

Pray for: We continue to remember in our prayers all those who have died, including the recently deceased; Brigid Gaskin, Ann McPadden and Maureen Geoghegan. May they rest in peace.

Notices can be sent in to newsletter@inishmagrath.com for inclusion, subject to review and adjustments as space allows.

All notices should be received by 10:30am on Friday morning to be included in that week's newsletter, thank you.

We also have a website at www.inishmagrath.com and we are on Facebook under Parish of Inishmagrath.

The secretary is in the Parish Office at the Parochial House every Friday morning from 9:30am until 12:30pm should you wish to book a Mass or have a notice to drop in.

Confession: Available after weekday Masses and anytime on request.

Thought for the Day

Matthew 5:17-37

Addressing educators, Pope Francis recalled that education has always been one of the highest expressions of Christian charity: 'Yours is a mission full of obstacles as well as joys... A mission of love because you cannot teach without loving.' In this sense, since ancient times, Christians have understood that knowledge liberates, gives dignity, and brings us closer to the truth. For the Church, teaching the poor was an act of justice and faith. Inspired by the example of the Master who taught people divine and human truths, she took on the mission of forming children and young people, especially the poorest, in truth and love.

Pope Leo XIV, Dilexi Te, Love for the Poor.

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart: Parishioners who wish to take a short-term pledge for Lent are invited to visit www.pioneers.ie or to speak to a Pioneer in the parish.

Safeguarding Sunday 2026: Our 9th annual Safeguarding Sunday will take place throughout the diocese this weekend, the 14th/15th February. We hope to create a greater awareness of safeguarding in our parishes and diocese and to acknowledge the great contribution of the faithful in ensuring that our diocesan safeguarding policies are implemented. The annual safeguarding newsletter will be available to download from www.kilmorediocese.ie/ safeguarding children section. Please download a copy and inform yourself of developments in safeguarding.



Something to reflect on...

In today's Gospel, Jesus moves the focus from outward actions to inward attitudes. It is not only murder that matters, He says, but anger that destroys relationships. It is not only adultery that matters, but the lust that can reduce another person to an object of desire. It is not only false swearing false oaths that matter, but careless or dishonest speech. Again and again, Jesus brings us back to the heart.

This teaching matters deeply on Temperance Sunday, because addiction often begins in the heart: with stress, with loneliness, with a desire to belong, to escape, or to numb pain. Jesus does not speak these hard words to condemn us, but to heal us. He wants our hearts to be free and full with the goodness and purity that leads to good choices in life. Temperance, therefore, is not about being mean spirited or joyless. It is about learning how to live well. It is about knowing when to say yes, and when to say no.

This is especially important for our young people. Today, many of them are navigating a world very different from the one their parents grew up in. Substances are more available, pressures are more intense, and new dangers such as vaping are often presented as harmless or even fashionable. That is why the Church's renewed emphasis this year on the Confirmation pledge is so important. It is not about control but is about genuine care and concern. It is about giving young people clear information, spiritual support and the support of a community that wants them to thrive.

Temperance Sunday is for all of us. Each of us is invited today to look honestly at our own habits and attitudes. We also remember those who struggle with addiction, and their families who often carry heavy burdens in silence. To anyone who is fighting this battle be aware that you are not alone, you are not without hope, and you are not forgotten by God. The Church in its prayer ministry and through its sacraments of healing stands with you as do so many dedicated people working in support, treatment, and recovery.

Choosing life sometimes begins with the smallest step: asking for help, telling the truth, or daring to believe that change is possible.

As we pray today, we place ourselves under the care of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who shows us what it means to say yes to God even when the road ahead is uncertain. And we look to our own Irish witness of temperance, Venerable Matt Talbot, whose life reminds us that no one is trapped in addiction forever and that grace can transform even the most difficult story.

So today and in the days and weeks ahead, may we choose life and freedom not only in words, but in the quiet, daily decisions that shape our hearts, our families, and our communities. May the Lord give us the strength, courage, and joy to live that choice each day. **Amen.**

A Lenten Resource for All: As we prepare for Lent, "Baptised & Sent" is being offered to parishioners throughout the diocese as a simple and accessible way to engage with faith during the Lenten season. This resource is for everyone; individuals, families, parish groups, and anyone interested in reflecting more deeply on what it means to be baptised and sent to live the Gospel in daily life.

The programme will be used during Lent, with materials suitable for personal reflection as well as group discussion. Further details will follow.

Knights of St. Columbanus: Open night on Tues 24 Feb in St Joseph's Centre, Leitrim Village at 8:30pm. The Carrick Primary Council (Branch), known as CK88, caters for faithful Catholic men, living in Carrick-on-Shannon, Ballinamore, Boyle, Bornacoola, Carrigallen, Cloone, Dromod, Drumsna, Drumshanbo, Elphin, Keadue, Mohill, Newtowngore, Rooskey, and surrounding areas.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Knights of St. Columbanus, in the Carrick Council, area and would like to attend our open night, or find out further information about our Fraternal Order, please contact Ciarán on 086-6027126. Attendance by pre-arrangement only. Website: www.knightsofstcolimbanus.ie (St Joseph's centre is located on Church Road, Leitrim Village (N41EA39)).

John McKenna Society: The February JMCK traditional music session takes place in the Cosy Corner on Sunday February 15th from 6.00 to 8.30 approximately, with guests John McLoughlin & friends. Everyone welcome.

Social Dance: Social Dance in Drumkeerin Community Centre on Thursday next 19th February at 9:00pm. Music by Michael Clerkin and Jacqui Bannon. Refreshments served. Admission €10, Free door raffle.

Drumkeeran NS: Parents and guardians, enrolment is now open for children wishing to start school in September 2026, please contact the school at drumkeerinns@gmail.com for an application form. The date of our open day for new starters will be confirmed at a later date.

Leitrim Women Through Time Exhibition and Pop up Museum: Is being held in the Leitrim Sculpture Centre from 11:00am until 4:00pm each Wednesday to Saturday, from the 11th to the 28th February. Pop in and have a look, all welcome.