

# PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

## The Ascension of the Lord World Communications Day

1st June 2025

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### Masses

Sat 31st May	7:00pm	Tarmon	Eamonn O'Grady (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary). Packie McPartlan, Derrycullinan. John & Mary Grogan & Deceased of the Grogan & Gallagher Families. Adoration. Mass.
Sun 1st Jun	11:15am	Drumkeeran	
Mon 2nd Jun	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Primary Schools End of Year Mass.
	7:00pm		
Tue 3rd Jun	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	
Wed 4th Jun	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Thurs 5th Jun	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 6th Jun	7:00pm	Creevelea	
Sat 7th Jun	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Drumkeeran</b>	Patrick Curnan (MM).
Sun 8th June	<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Tarmon</b>	John McKenna & Deceased Family & the Deceased Of the Society.

**Confession:** Available after weekday Masses and anytime on request.

**Congratulations:** To the pupils of Tarmon and Drumkeeran National Schools who received their First Communions recently. A big thank you to the teachers and staff of the schools who helped them prepare for their sacraments. All the children who made their First Communions may now become Altar Servers, forms will be sent home from school next week.

**Diocesan Vocations and Support Services Collection:** It's not too late to make your contribution, please send in your donation as this collection is for the training of priests, safeguarding, marriage preparation courses and marriage support, diocesan staff, etc. Thanks to all who have already helped.

**Diocese of Kilmore:** Is recruiting for the position of Diocesan Director of Safeguarding and Training. 6-month initial contract working 2 days per week (flexible) initially (with possibility of increase in hours). This post will be based in the Conaty Centre in Cavan town and will require travel around the Diocese of Kilmore. Full job description and requirements of candidates available on diocesan website ([www.kilmorediocese.ie](http://www.kilmorediocese.ie)) CV's and cover letters to be issued to Bishop's House, Cullies, Co. Cavan Closing date for applications is 14th June 2025.

**Diocesan Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage to Rome:** Bishop Martin Hayes will lead a diocesan pilgrimage to Rome from Thurs 20th to Wed 26 November 2025 to mark the Jubilee Year of Hope. This pilgrimage will be of particular interest (though not exclusively) to those involved with church choirs as it will coincide with the Jubilee of Choirs being organised as part of the Jubilee Year of Hope programme in the Vatican. The cost of the pilgrimage is €1,855 per person sharing on a half-board basis. Single Room Supplement: €300 (limited availability) See poster on church noticeboards for further information or contact Seán Coll, Pilgrimage Director on 049 4375004 (Extension 102) or by email to [directorkdpc@kilmorediocese.ie](mailto:directorkdpc@kilmorediocese.ie).

**Visitation:** Fr Tom will be doing his rounds on Fri 6 June.

**Eucharistic Minister Training:** Manorhamilton and surrounding parishes: Glencar Community Centre, Glencar, Co. Leitrim, Wed 25 June at 8:00pm

**Minister of the Word Training:** Manorhamilton and surrounding parishes: Glencar Community Centre, Glencar, Co. Leitrim Wed 3 Sept at 8:00pm

### Points to Ponder:

**Luke 24:46-53**

Christians are often tempted to ignore the bodily aspects of Jesus' ministry, death, and resurrection. It is easier to make sense of our relationship with God or the Easter mystery on the level of the metaphysical. But this Sunday, as we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, we are confronted with the fact that bodies matter.

Scripture is clear that Jesus returns not as a ghost but as a physical human person. When He ascends into heaven, He does so not in some idealized form, but with all His particularities, with wounds in His hands and whip marks on His back. But also, with scars on His fingertips from cutting himself with a chisel while helping His father at work. Chicken pox scars. Callouses on His feet from the hundreds of miles He walked. Maybe He had weird tan lines or a broken toe that never healed correctly. This body is taken to heaven to re-join God.

The Feast of the Ascension reminds us that Jesus is not the toned, beautiful white man we see in much of our art. Jesus was wounded, hurt, and scarred. His body told the story of His life from His birth in a manger until His death on the cross. And this wounded body was holy enough to enter heaven. Likewise, our bodies are holy too – not despite our disabilities, imperfections, and scars, but because of them.

This Sunday, I hope you take delight in your body. In how it has supported you, how it serves as a map of your past and of your future. Bodies more than matter– they are how the kingdom of God is revealed.

*Emily Sanna, uscatholic.org*

### Thought for the Day: Ascension.

As I reflect on the Jubilee we are celebrating this year as a moment of grace in these troubled times, I would like in this Message to invite you to be 'communicators of hope'. Too often today, communication generates not hope, but fear and despair, prejudice and resentment, fanaticism and even hatred. All too often it simplifies reality in order to provoke instinctive reactions; it uses words like a razor; it even uses false or artfully distorted information to send messages designed to agitate, provoke or hurt.

I dream of a communication that does not peddle illusions or fears, but is able to give reasons for hope; Martin Luther King once said: 'If I can help someone as I pass along, if I can cheer somebody with a word or song... then my living will not be in vain'. To do this, though, we must be healed of our 'diseases' of self-promotion and self-absorption, and avoid the risk of shouting over others in order to make our voices heard. A good communicator ensures that those who listen, read or watch can be involved, can draw close, can get in touch with the best part of themselves and enter with these attitudes into the stories told. Communicating in this way helps us to become 'pilgrims of hope', which is the motto of the present Jubilee.

*From the message of Pope Francis for 59th World Day of Social Communications 2025*

**John McKenna Festival:** Will run from Wed 4 June to Sun 8 June with lots of events to join in and enjoy. Visit [www.johnmckenna.ie](http://www.johnmckenna.ie) or email [info@johnmckenna.ie](mailto:info@johnmckenna.ie) for more information.

**North Leitrim Women's Centre:** Summer Planter workshop with Carol O'Brien. On Wed 4 June from 10:00am to 12:00noon. The cost is €25, all materials including planter pot and plants provided. Create your own colourful summer planter to bring home. Place limited contact the Centre on 071 9856220 to book a place.