

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

The Ascension of the Lord World Communications Day

12th May 2024

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

Neighbouring Priests: Fr T Mannion 964 3014 - Fr P Casey 916 4143 -

Fr Loughlain Carolan 985 3012

Masses

Sat 11th May	7:00pm	Tarmon	For All Parishioners.
Sun 12th May	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Mary Southwell & Michael & Teresa Woods & Mary Ann Guighan & Deceased Family.
Mon 13th May	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration.
Sat 18th May	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sun 19th May	11:15am	Drumkeeran	First Communion for Drumkeeran NS. Marie McTernan.

2024 Kilmore Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Fly out on Thurs 30 May for 7 Nights, flights from Dublin. For enquiries and bookings, please contact Cavan Travel, 15 Main Street Cavan. Tel. 049 4361222 or email info@cavantravel.com.

Blessing of the Graves 2024: The schedule for this year is as follows;
Aughaloughy Cemetery - after 11:15am Mass in Drumkeeran Church on Sun 21 July.
Kilbride Cemetery - after 11:15am Mass in Drumkeeran Church on 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.

Thanks: As we welcome Fr Tom back he would like to thank all those who included him in their thoughts and prayers during his treatment in Galway University Hospital. He hopes to resume duties on Sat 18 May.

Invitation to the Ministry of Permanent Diaconate: Applications are invited from men who are willing to consider the ministry of Permanent Diaconate in Kilmore Diocese. Further information is available in brochures in the Church Porches or by contacting Fr Paul Prior, Director of the Permanent Diaconate, Kilmore Diocesan Office, Cullies, Cavan. Telephone 049 433 1496 or email to diaconate@kilmorediocese.ie.

Thought for the Day: Leonardo Da Vinci had started to work on a large canvas in his studio. Then, suddenly, he stopped working on it. Summoning one of his talented students, the master invited him to complete the work. The horrified student protested that he was both unworthy and unable to complete the great painting which his master had begun. But Da Vinci silenced him. "Will not what I have done inspire you to do your best?" Jesus, our Master, began to spread the Good News two thousand years ago by what He said and did, and supremely by what He suffered. Jesus illustrated His message and left us to finish the picture. This is the message of the Ascension.
Fr Anthony Kadavil.

Points to Ponder: All of us are called to grow together, in humanity and as humanity. We are challenged to make a qualitative leap in order to become a complex, multi-ethnic, pluralistic, multi-religious and multicultural society. We are called to reflect carefully on the theoretical development and the practical use of these new instruments of communication and knowledge. Their great possibilities for good are accompanied by the risk of turning everything into abstract calculations that reduce individuals to data, thinking to a mechanical process, experience to isolated cases, goodness to profit, and, above all, a denial of the uniqueness of each individual and his or her story. The concreteness of reality dissolves in a flurry of statistical data.

The digital revolution can bring us greater freedom, but not if it imprisons us in models that nowadays are called 'echo chambers'. In such cases, rather than increasing a pluralism of information, we risk finding ourselves adrift in a mire of confusion, prey to the interests of the market or of the powers that be. It is unacceptable that the use of artificial intelligence should lead to groupthink, to a gathering of unverified data, to a collective editorial dereliction of duty. The representation of reality in 'big data', however useful for the operation of machines, ultimately entails a substantial loss of the truth of things, hindering interpersonal communication and threatening our very humanity. Information cannot be separated from living relationships.
Pope Francis.

Drumkeeran NS: We are holding a "Cash for Clobber" event on Thurs 16 May to raise much needed funds for the school. Bags may be dropped off to school around 9am before school starts.

Sets Cíelí: With Innisfree Cíelí Band in Drumkeeran Community Centre on Sun 9 June at 3:00pm. www.johnmckenna.ie. All welcome.

Irish Blood Transfusion Service: Our stocks of O- A- and B- are very low going into the May bank holiday so we are hoping you may be able to help us increase attendance for our Blood Donation Clinic in the coming weeks. There will be two clinics at The Bush Hotel on Tues 28 and Wed 29 May, please book your appointment on 1800222111. New donors are always welcome! Visit www.giveblood.ie.

Healthy Food Made Easy: This is a free, community cookery course. It takes place over 6 weeks (2.5 hours per week) and is great for both beginners and for more experienced cooks who are looking for inspiration. Leitrim Development Company has received funding to roll out a number of courses across Leitrim in 2024. The courses can be run during the day or in the evening, during the week or at weekends, depending on demand. If you are interested in taking part in a course in your local community, please email annamctiernan@ldco.ie or send a text message/Whatsapp to 0864073492, indicating your name, area and time preference. We will run courses in places that have the highest demand.

Job Opportunity: Minibus Driver, part-time required for Mo Chairde Day Centre. Full clean Driving Licence with Category D1 is essential and experience of working with older people is desirable. For further details and job description, please see www.rosleaderpartnership.ie/ recruitment. Email your CV and cover letter to recruitment@ridc.ie.

Drumkeeran Drama Group: On Fri 24, Sat 25 and Sun 26 May, Drumkeeran Drama Group bring to Drumkeeran Community Centre their outstanding stage production of Jimmy Keary's exceptionally funny 3 act comedy, "The Maiden Aunt". This is a play that will have audiences rolling in laughter from the curtain rising until it falls. There is also an intriguing storyline played by an excellent local cast. So playgoers, you are in for a treat....

Computer Course: For beginners/improvers commencing mid-May in Ballintogher Enterprise Centre. Please register by Fri 17 May. For more details call 087 6645509 or email teresamccorm@hotmail.com.