

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

28th June 2020

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Resumption of Church Services:

St Brigid's Church, Creevelea

Sat 4th Jul 8.00pm For All Parishioners
Sat 11th Jul 8.00pm

St. Patrick's Church, Tarmon

Sun 5th Jul 10.00am Michael & Theresa Woods & Deceased of
the Family, Towneycorry
Sun 12th Jul 10.00am

St Brigid's Church, Drumkeeran

Sun 5th Jul 11.15 am Tommy Cassidy (1st Anniversary)
George Wiggins (1st Anniversary)
Mary McGoldrick née McNiff
Sun 12th Jul 11.15 am

Masses During the Week

Monday 6th July	7.00 pm	Drumkeeran	Hugh Doherty & Deceased of the Family, Corcormack
Tuesday 7th July	10.00am	Drumkeeran	Special Intentions
Wednesday 8th July	10.00am	Creevelea	For All Parishioners
Thursday 9th July	10.00am	Drumkeeran	Special Intentions
Friday 10th July	7.00 pm	Tarmon	For All Parishioners

All Drumkeeran Masses will be celebrated in the main Church to allow for physical distancing as per the regulations.

Visitations: If a member of your family is housebound and they'd like to receive Communion, please let Fr. Tom know. He can visit wearing a face mask. You can let the person who is housebound know the reason for this. Thanks

Envelopes: Parishioners are asked to keep the envelopes until the Churches are open again for Masses. If you want to pay by cheque, then the offertory contributions that go to the individual Churches can be paid to; Drumkeeran Church Account, Creevelea Church Account or Tarmon Church Account. The Dues can be paid to, Priest's Revenue Account. Thanks for your support and stay safe.

Guidelines for the resumption of Masses in Church:

1. There is no obligation to attend Mass or to go for Communion at this time.
2. Keep the physical distance from non-family parishioners both inside and outside the Church.
3. Use the hand sanitizer at the entrance to the Church.
4. No baskets will be used for the collection, so use the box provided at the door.
5. Pews will be used from the front firstly, so be guided by the stewards.
6. The movement in Church will be one way only. A single file can come forward to Communion and return by a side aisle or by exiting the Church by the Sacristy door.
7. No handshake at the sign of peace.
8. Holy Communion must be received in the hand.
9. Be guided by the stewards at the end of Mass to leave pew by pew in order and so keep the required distance.
10. Facemasks are recommended inside the Church.
11. To allow better capacity parishioners are asked to attend church in their local area. Maximum Church Capacity:
Drumkeeran 50; Creevelea 34; Tarmon 30.

Be Patient! As Churches open up again to the celebration of Masses, they will not be allowed to accommodate all those who would like to return. There is no obligation to go to Mass these first weekends. If it suits, you can go to one or more weekday Masses as the capacity of the Church more than likely will be able to accommodate the parishioners who wish to attend.

Drumkeeran Church can allow 50 people.

Creevelea Church can allow 34 people.

Tarmon Church can allow 30 people.

This is the best we can achieve in keeping the distance from people who are not from the same household. Please take direction from the Stewards on duty and hopefully soon we can accommodate everybody. Thank you.

Papal Nuncio to visit Cavan: Mon 29 June, Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo, will celebrate the 10:00am Mass in the Cathedral of St Patrick and St Felim in Cavan. Watch live on the webcam at; www.churchservices.tv/cavancathedral

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel **Matthew**
10:37-42

- ❖ Jesus never wanted suffering for anyone but He knew that if anyone was going to follow in His footsteps, promoting love and respect for every person, they would meet with opposition. Fidelity has its price, but also its rewards. Would you agree?
- ❖ The passage is a call to both radical and practical discipleship. When you found that in order to achieve a certain objective you had to make it a priority, and then take the practical steps necessary to reach your goal? What were the benefits to you when you did this?
- ❖ 'Hate' is prophetic exaggeration for the uncompromising loyalty Jesus seeks in disciples. There may be times when people make demands in conflict with fidelity to another relationship. This can be painful. When have you found that being clear about your priorities helped you in that situation?

John Byrne OSA

Reflection 1:

The first reading, from the second book of the Kings, highlights the reward of those who open their generous heart to friends of God and by extension to all God's people.

There is always a response from Heaven for every act of kindness we show to others, especially for the sake of God. Every act of love is remembered by God. All of us, no matter what we have or who we are, are always in want of one thing or another, either basic human necessities or basic spiritual needs. All of us too, face the problems of life; we are either coming out of a problem, or we are about to enter into one.

The spirit of generosity call for sensitivity on the part of the giver and receiver. Today, God is calling us to be sensitive to the needs of others. Being sensitive also implies that we should not be a burden to those who are helping us.

Saint Paul, in the second reading, recalls that Jesus gave himself as a ransom for our salvation and has made us one with Him through Baptism. By Baptism, we welcome Christ into our lives. But we must also

see Christ in others, especially the poor, the stranger, the unloved and we must welcome them too.

The Gospel, today from Saint Matthew, brings the first two readings together. We must love God, more than anyone or anything. We must love Christ more than our parents, our sisters, our brothers, our children, our friends. This statement does not mean that we have to stop loving our parents, sisters, brothers, children, etc.; it simply tells us that God is of absolute importance.

May we always seek the face of the Lord and find Him in one another. If we judge others, then we condemn ourselves. If we seek simply what the Lord asks of us today and every day, we are blessed and in turn bless one another.

Fr Willie Purcell, National Vocations Office, Maynooth

The Deep End - The face of Christ.

There is great goodness in our country and in our world. This became clear when our communities were thrown into turmoil in recent months. Long before the official initiatives sprang into action to support those in need during the nationwide 'lockdown', stories began to emerge of the ways in which communities were mobilising to make sure their most vulnerable members were looked after. Local supermarkets delivered goods, postmen and women checked in on the elderly, neighbours made phone calls and arranged to pick up groceries and prescriptions. Through it all we began to realise how much we depend on each other. As the noise of everyday life fell silent, we began to ponder: what is it that makes us a community?

Parishes were grappling with the same question. In the temporary absence of access to Mass and the sacraments, what makes us a community of disciples of Jesus? Every effort was made to reach out to parishioners, through online Masses, prayer initiatives and practical help and support. In every parish in the country, volunteers became the face of Christ to others.

In today's Gospel, Jesus lays down the markers of the Christian community. His key points are welcome and compassion. When we reach out in a spirit of welcome and neighbourliness, when we give as little as a drink of water to another person, we are on the right path.

In his Easter message, Archbishop Eamon Martin said, "In our present situation we have seen the light of the risen Christ shine out... in the kindness shown by neighbour to neighbour and in gentle and simple acts of compassion carried out by countless 'Good Samaritans'. Despite the uncertainty, suffering and grief caused by the pandemic, the Lord is near."

Triona Doherty