

# PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

## Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Prisoners' Sunday

5th November 2023

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

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

Fr Loughlain Carolan 985 3012

### Masses

Sat 4th Nov	7:00pm	Tarmon	Patrick & Helen Leydon & Deceased Family.
Sun 5th Nov	10:00am	Creevelea	For All Parishioners.
	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Mary Ellen & John Byrne & Deceased Family.
			Tony Forde & Deceased Family.
Mon 6th Nov	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration until 6:50pm.
	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	Jack & Mary McMahan.
Tue 7th Nov	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	
Wed 8th Nov	10:00am	Creevelea	
Thurs 9th Nov	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Drumkeeran</b>	Mass for Guidance with the Pastoral Letter. Following Mass - meeting to discuss the Bishop's Pastoral Letter - All welcome.
Fri 10th Nov	7:00pm	Tarmon	<b>NO MASS.</b>
Sat 11th Nov	7:00pm	Tarmon	Mary & Jim Hazlette & Deceased Family.
Sun 12th Nov	10:00am	Creevelea	Jim Gallagher, Shívdíllagh.
	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Sean McWeeney (1st Anniversary).

**Confession:** Available after weekday Mass or on request.

**Well Done!** : To Drumkeeran GAA club and all those who planned and fundraised and worked on the facilities that were officially blessed and opened last Saturday. Congratulations on winning the best club grounds in Leitrim. We wish you well in the provincial stage of the project. Everyone enjoyed hearing Peter Canavan and the other speakers.

**November Offerings:** You can include a list of your deceased loved ones to be remembered in the Masses for November. There is an envelope in your box of envelopes or you can use your own.

**Mission Sunday:** Thanks to all who brought in your contribution; if you forgot, please bring in your contribution as everything helps.

**Ministers for November:** Readers: Tarmon Church - John Joe Byrne.  
Creevelea Church - Volunteer required.  
Drumkeeran Church - Volunteer required.

Collectors: Tarmon Church - Val McGee + 1.

Drumkeeran Church - Paul Gallagher, Tomás Cassidy, Carmel Wynne and Fintan Gilrane.

**North West STOP:** Are holding their Annual General Meeting on Fri 17 Nov at the Mayflower, Drumshanbo at 7:00pm. Guest speakers and light refreshments on the evening. All are welcome.

**Open Meeting for All Parishioners:** Parish meetings will take place throughout the Diocese of Kilmore to discuss the content of the Bishop's Pastoral Letter and allow parishioners to express their opinions. This is an excellent chance for you to have your say and ensure that our Parish's views are heard. You are invited to participate in these meetings and thereby help prepare for the future together.

The meeting in our Parish will take place on Thurs 9 Nov after the 7:00pm Mass in Drumkeeran Church. There will be no morning Mass on that Thursday. People will get the opportunity of having a say in how the Parish will be administered and how Pastoral care will be given in the future. This will be a listening forum and not a decision making one. The main points will be sent to the Diocesan office with those of all the Parishes in the Diocese. All welcome. If you are unable to attend, collect a form from your local church next weekend or download one from the website next Friday, and return it to the Parochial House by Fri 10 Nov or email it to [newsletter@inishmagrath.com](mailto:newsletter@inishmagrath.com), so your thoughts and feelings may be included.

The questions the Diocese has asked us to discuss are:

1. *Since priests are fewer and getting older, what are my fears or concerns about our faith in the future?*

2. *A training programme is being prepared for Pastoral Workers. What kind of skills and tasks should this focus on?*

3. *What preparations do we need to put in place, in conjunction with our neighbouring parishes, if we have less Masses and the possibility of no resident priest?*

### Thought for the Day:

**Matthew 23:1-12**

For the Parents of one who has committed a crime.

No one else can see beauty in his darkened life now. His image has closed like a shadow. When people look at him, he has become the mirror of the damage he has done. But he is yours; and you have different eyes that hold his yesterday's in pictures no one else remembers. Despite all the disappointments and shame, may you find in your belonging with him a kind place, where your spirit will find rest. May new words come alive between you to build small bridges of understanding. May that serenity lead you beyond guilt and blame to find that bright field of the heart where he can come to feel your love.

*John O'Donohue, Benedictus.*

**Christmas Trip:** To Liffey Valley and "Land of Light" magical light show, Belvedere house, Mullingar. Sat 25 Nov; bus leaving Drumkeeran at 7:20am. A trip not to be missed, to book your place, contact Evelyn on 087 6626141.

**Star Weaving:** Learn a new Pacific Island Craft? How to weave an eight sided star using ribbons or recycled materials. Find out how this craft is encouraging new conversations in Ireland and globally? The One Billion Stars Project is committed to creating happier, violence free communities. Come along to our Star Weaving Coffee Morning in the Centre on Wed 8th Nov at 10:30am. Weave a star for our display in December to bring hope, and highlight violence and abuse against women.