

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

21st June 2020

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Resumption of Church Services:

St Brigid's Church, Creevelea

Sat 4th Jul 8.00pm

St. Patrick's Church, Tarmon

Sun 5th Jul 10.00am

St Brigid's Church, Drumkeeran

Sun 5th Jul 11.15 am

Masses During the Week

Monday 29th June	7.00 pm	Drumkeeran	For All Parishioners
Tuesday 30th June	10.00am	Drumkeeran	Special Intentions
Wednesday 1st July	10.00am	Creevelea	For All Parishioners
Thursday 2nd July	10.00am	Drumkeeran	Special Intentions
Friday 3rd 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.

Mass Leaflets: Newsletters will be left in Church each Saturday morning.

Guidelines for the resumption of Masses in Church: will be available in each Church and also in the shops in Drumkeerin, please take a copy and familiarise yourself with the rules for attending Mass in Church.

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.

Pray for: May McGoldrick (née McNiff) formerly of Lisnanaw, Drumkeerin who died in Solihull, England. May she rest in peace and our sympathies go out to her next of kin.

Christopher Gilhooly of Sheena, Drumkeerin who died on Wednesday 17 June at Sligo University Hospital. May he rest in peace. Our sympathies go out to Nuala and the family.

Noreen Heavey, sister of Sharon Harrison, who died in the USA. May she rest in peace. Our sympathy goes out to her next of kin.

Confirmations: Will be celebrated from mid- August to the end of September.

First Communions: Will be celebrated in October.

Blessing of the Graves: There will be no large public gatherings this year because it is something we cannot control. November will have special Liturgies to pray for the dead and to support those who couldn't attend funerals of their loved ones during the restrictions.

Theology, Spirituality and Religious Experience: The Priory Institute course consists of 10, one-hour online lectures by Fr Pat Collins C.M. given over two weeks delivered entirely online. It is offered twice on 13 - 24 July and 10 - 21 August 2020. Participants can interact on our e-learning platform and there will be a streamed question and answer session following the final lecture. Cost €80. Visit; <https://prioryinstitute.com/events/summer-school-2020-theology,-spirituality-and-religious-experience>.

Adoremus 2020: Is a joint initiative between the National Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration and the Bishops' Conference, was due to be held in Knock on 19 and 20 June 2020 and would have been focussed on preparing for the International Eucharistic Congress in Budapest. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, Adoremus 2020 in Knock has been cancelled and the Eucharistic Congress has been postponed until 2021. Adoremus will, however, take place online from 2.00pm this Sat 20 June. A number of speakers, including Sr Virginia Joy of the Sisters of Life New York, Archbishop Eamon Martin and Bishop Kevin Doran have recorded talks and prayer moments to allow us to join together virtually. We greatly appreciate the assistance of Fr Bill Kemmy and the team at iCatholic in making this possible. To see more information and full schedule visit: <https://www.knockshrine.ie/adoremus-2020-virtual-pilgrimage-june-20-21/?v=d2cb7bbc0d23>.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel Matthew 10:26-33

- ❖ "Do not fear" is the unifying theme in this passage which is set in the context of a mission sermon by Jesus, preparing his disciples for what lay ahead. He urges them to have courage in speaking and living his message, drawing strength from their trust in the Father whose care for us exceeds His car for hundreds of sparrows. How has trust in God been a source of strength for you?
- ❖ For Jesus the important thing is to be true to one's real self, even if this does involve some material or physical loss or pain. When you have had that kind of courage, what was it like for you?
- ❖ There is no such thing as secret discipleship. It is in declaring their allegiance to Jesus that His followers will find life. They will be the losers if they hide their discipleship. Does this resonate with your experience?

John Byrne OSA

Reflection 1:

We are living in a changing world; there is great uncertainty, even fear for the future. The world pandemic has left us frightened and confused. We are mourning the loss of many things; employment, health and even loved ones. But we never lose hope; our hope is rooted in God. Hence this time can be a blessing in disguise, as it makes us less reliant on ourselves and more on the power of God.

The Word of God this Sunday speaks of adversity and how to respond as Christians. Jeremiah reflects on the cost of being God's faithful witness. He tells us of the hurt and pain he experiences as a result of being a prophet. "I hear so many disparaging me... All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall." But the truth of the matter is that there is always a price for authentic witness. The prophet Jeremiah shows us that authentic faith makes us fearless in the face of suffering and persecution. It gives us the power to live more generously, more trustfully and more bravely.

This is also the teaching of Jesus in the Gospel. "Do not be afraid" is the message that should resonate in the hearts of us all. Jesus preaches a very different Gospel: He tells us that real happiness comes from the belief in God, from seeking the will of the Father, from giving to others, from sharing what we have with those who do not have, from praying and from forgiving. Jesus does not invite us to have absolutely nothing - but always the challenge is there: What are you doing with the gifts you have been given? Are you loving God and loving one another? How are you living your daily life? Are you seeking only your own pleasures or are you seeking the Kingdom of God?

We must be always ready to accept whatever comes into our lives with trust in God, knowing that God will bring us through even the darkest days.

Fr Willie Purcell, National Vocations Office, Maynooth

The Deep End - Noli temere.

The last words of Seamus Heaney, in a text to his wife Marie, were the Latin words Noli temere - 'Do not be afraid'.

According to his son Mick, the words became 'a shorthand for hope' in the weeks that followed. He had done what poets and writers do best - express our fears and anxieties in a way that made sense.

Fear took on a new form earlier this year when we were all thrown into that strange period of lockdown due to the coronavirus threat. We were fearful for ourselves and our health. We were worried about our families, particularly our elderly or vulnerable loved ones. Many people were anxious about the future - they had lost their job or business and were full of uncertainty as to when, or even if, things would improve.

We also became conditioned, in a way, to be fearful of each other. Whilst we understood it was necessary, it was upsetting to have to stay away from other people - to refrain from hugging or shaking hands, to move away or even cross the street when we saw another person approaching.

And of course there are deeper fears that come from being isolated and feeling alone with our thoughts. It is natural to question God in these circumstances, whether we turn to him in prayer because we cannot understand why all this is happening.

Our communities are still reeling from this new state of fear. We have lost so much, and the future is uncertain. Jesus has comforting words in today's Gospel: "Do not be afraid... everything now hidden will be made clear." Life does not always make sense, but God has it all in hand, and armed with this knowledge we can face the future with hope. He is with us through the mess and the fear: "Why, every hair on your head has been counted."

Triona Doherty