

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

24th August 2025

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

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

Masses

Sat 23rd Aug	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sun 24th Aug	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Thanksgiving Mass for Fr Tom as he celebrates the Ruby (40th) Anniversary of his Ordination.
Mon 25th Aug	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration.
	7:00pm		Mass.
Tues 26th Aug	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	
Wed 27th Aug	10:00am	Drumkeeran	\
Thur 28th Aug	10:00am	Drumkeeran	NO WEEKDAY MASSES.
Fri 29th Aug	7:00pm	Creevelea	/
Sat 30th Aug	7:00pm	Tarmon	Rita & Tommy Gilhooly, Gertie Fallon & the Deceased of the Fallon & Gilhooly Families.
Sun 31st Aug	11:15am	Drumkeeran	

Confession: Available after weekday Masses and anytime on request.

Prayer for Gaza: On Sun 24 Aug, make an extra effort to pray for the people of Gaza. Light a candle or say the Rosary at home with the family or choose to make it a fast day. We pray for an end to the war and the release of all the hostages.

Kilmore Diocese Autumn Programme: Events coming up this September:

Leadership/Facilitation Skills on Sat 13 Sept at the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cavan. A full day with Jim Deeds, offering practical tips, ideas, and encouragement to build your skills and confidence. Suitable for anyone currently involved in parish life.

Diocesan Youth Day on Sat 27 Sept at the Pastoral Centre, Cullies, Cavan. To celebrate the Jubilee year of Hope, we are hosting a youth day for ages 13–18. Booking will be essential for both events; Email: Martina Gilmartin at pastoralservices@kilmorediocese.ie. More details to follow in the coming weeks – save the dates!

Kilmore Diocesan PTAA - Are holding a mini-night Vigil to mark the Jubilee Year of Hope on Fri 29 Aug at Saint Brigid's Church, Killeshandra, Eircode: H12 DD79. Beginning at 8:00pm with The Jubilee Way of Hope; including a walk around the grounds of the Church with prayers and reflections on hope in the midst of our daily lives. Followed by Stations of the Cross in the Church and some time for Guided Prayers, Meditation and Eucharistic Adoration before Mass. Concluding the Vigil with Mass at 10:00pm. Tea and refreshments served after Mass. Both Pioneers and Non-Pioneers are welcome from throughout Kilmore Diocese and beyond.

Burren Outdoor Retreat: from 5th to 7th September; a guided 3-day journey to some of the most secret and sacred places in the Burren. Let the beauty of this amazing landscape renew you in body and soul. Enquiries to Mary 087 970 1130 For bookings Noirin 087 447 9115.

Poor Clares Galway, Monastic Experience Day: For women 18-35; An opportunity to explore and experience Poor Clare life and spirituality. The event will take place from 10:00am to 5:00pm on Sat 6 Sept. Contact: events@poorclares.ie to register. For more information visit www.poorclares.ie/monastic-experience-days.

Why Sunday Matters: On the 31st August a pastoral resource from the Irish Bishop will be launched. Called "Why Sunday Matters", it will invite all Catholics to reflect on the immense significance of Sunday Mass and encourage those who do not attend to return. Copies will be available throughout September.

Points to Ponder:

Luke 13:22-30

What types of challenges do we face in our lives today and what do we choose to do? And when we face these challenges, do we persevere to do what is right or do we take the easy path out through the back door.

- When faced with situations that make us angry, how often do we stay calm?
- When faced with those who are better and more successful than us, how often do we give in to jealousy?
- When faced with situations to tell the truth, how often have we given way to lying?
- When faced with people in need of our love, our respect and our kindness - our parents, spouses, children, neighbours, orphans, widows, the weak and underprivileged, the lonely, the elderly... How often have we given them our love?
- When faced with situations to speak out for justice and what is right, how often have we raised our voice?
- When faced with the need to be with our children - either for their homework, their play or another need - how often have we given in to our personal pleasures.
- When faced with the need to work hard, how often have we given way to laziness and pushed things away for later?

Those are all situations when we need to go through the narrow door. Do we push our way through the narrow door, or do we give up and take the easy way out?

Sacred Heart Catholic Tamil Group - www.shtcg.org

Thought for the Day: Faith is not a crutch. It is a lifesaver! It does not help us fall asleep at night; it helps us to get through the day when our days are dark. Life is not easy... for anyone.

Try. What? Try. Do something? Yes, the Lord invites us to try to pass through the narrow gate. We are supposed to work for it. We are supposed to do something. How can we do it if we are not strong enough? Through Him, with Him and in Him. What is the narrow gate? It is a person. Jesus Christ. Strive to live your life through Him, with Him and in Him; and you will find yourself... on His side.

Fr Alfonse - fralfonse.blogspot.com

Community Addiction Studies Course: QQI Level 5 Accredited Certificate Course.

Beginning Sept 2025 in The Hive, Carrick-on-Shannon. This free course provides excellent insights into drug and alcohol addiction, and equips you with essential tools to recognise and respond to the challenges of substance abuse. Run in conjunction with NW Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force, ETB and HSE. To register for this free course please: e-mail, christinamceleney@dleib.ie or phone, 087-9369312.

The Organic Centre: Join ecologist Yosef for a free water sampling adventure in the Ballagh River at the Organic Centre, Leitrim. Find out how to protect our precious resource. Water Heritage Day is on Sun 24 Aug at either 11:00am or 1:00pm. Book your session at www.theorganiccentre.ie. Wear suitable clothing and footwear- all welcome.

Open Day: Are you considering returning to education or to upskill. Leitrim College of Further Education & Training will be hosting an 'Open Day' on Thurs 28 Aug from 3:30pm to 7:30pm in The Landmark Hotel, Carrick-on-Shannon. Learn about our Level 5 and Level 6 courses and meet with our staff. All welcome.