

# PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

## Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

31st August 2025

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

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

### Masses

Sat 30th Aug	7:00pm	Tarmon	Rita & Tommy Gilhooly, Gertie Fallon & the Deceased of the Fallon & Gilhooly Families.
Sun 31st Aug	11:15am	Drumkeeran	
Mon 1st Sept	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration.
	7:00pm		Mass.
Tues 2nd Sept	11:00am	Áras Bhride	
Wed 3rd Sept	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Thur 4th Sept	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 5th Sept	7:00pm	Creevelea	
Sat 6th Sept	7:00pm	Tarmon	Michael & Mary Rynn & Deceased Family.
Sun 7th Sept	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Des White.
			PJ & Essie McLoughlin, Sheena.

**Visitation:** Fr Tom will be doing his rounds on Thurs 4 Sept.

**Confession:** Available after weekday Masses and anytime on request.

**Catholic Mothers Ireland:** Family Day; We will be holding our Annual National Mass on Sat 6 Sept in the Church of St James, Kilbeggan, Co. Westmeath. We will begin in the chapel at 11:00am with Children's Adoration and Rosary where confessions will be available. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Denis Nulty at 12:00noon, followed by food and activities in the hall. A lovely day for all the family! Email [catholicmothers@outlook.ie](mailto:catholicmothers@outlook.ie) for more information and booking.

### Church Ministers for September.

Readers:	Tarmon Church	Sandra Woods.
	Drumkeeran Church	Mary Wiggins.
Eucharistic Ministers:	Tarmon Church	-
	Drumkeeran Church	Ann Fallon, PJ McTiernan, Aaron Wynne.
Collectors:	Tarmon Church	Gerry Rynn, Paddy McPadden.
	Drumkeeran Church	Sean Gallagher, Desmond Wynne, Veronica McTiernan, Mary McHugh.

**Choir Practice for September:** Choir practice will be held on Thurs 18th and Thurs 25th at 7:30pm in Drumkeeran Church. New members always welcome.

**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](mailto:events@poorclares.ie) to register. For more information visit [www.poorclares.ie/monastic-experience-days](http://www.poorclares.ie/monastic-experience-days).

**Monastic Vocations Weekend:** Do You Feel Called to Seek God in Prayer & Contemplation, Monastic Work, And Community Life? The Cistercian community at St Mary's Abbey, Glencairn invites single women aged 19-40 to our upcoming Monastic Vocations Weekend on 24th - 27th October 2025. Please contact our Vocation Director, Sr Mairéad, at [vocations@glencairnabbey.org](mailto:vocations@glencairnabbey.org). Visit [www.glencairnabbey.org](http://www.glencairnabbey.org) for more details.

### Kilmore Diocese Notices:

- Minister of the Word Training will take place in Glencar Community Centre, Co. Leitrim, on Wednesday, September 3rd, at 8:00 pm, and in the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cullies, Cavan, on Thursday, September 4th, at 8:00 pm. The training is open to all readers, both those already involved and those who are just starting. Booking is not necessary, just come along on the evening. Enquiries: Martina Gilmartin, 085-864-0299.
- Facilitation Skills Day will be held on Sat 13 Sept from 10:00am until 4:00pm in the Kilmore Diocesan Centre, Cullies, Cavan. A day with Jim Deeds, pastoral worker and leadership skills trainer with 15 years' experience supporting parishes, dioceses and religious orders across Ireland and beyond. Learn simple, practical skills to support parish gatherings; whether you are leading, welcoming, or just wishing to feel more confident when your community comes together. The day will be prayerful, supportive, and enjoyable. All are welcome. A light lunch will be served. Please register by Wed 10 Sept by contacting Martina Gilmartin at [pastoralservices@kilmorediocese.ie](mailto:pastoralservices@kilmorediocese.ie) or phone: 085 864 0299.

### Reflections:

**Luke 14:1,7-14**

Encountering Christ;

- Humility:** Our natural inclination is to seek the best for ourselves at the expense of our neighbour. The virtue of humility counteracts this tendency. A humble person recognises God as the author of all creation, and knows that he is dust and to dust he will return. If a humble person is given honour, he attributes it to the gifts and talents he has received from God. He is comfortable with himself as a 'work in progress'. Proud and vain people eye each other while a humble person has eyes only for God.
- Joy:** Jesus promised in this Scripture passage that the humble would be exalted. Is there any greater joy than being drawn closer to God in exaltation? When we are humble enough to be 'real' with people, and allow our true selves to love purely and mercifully, pride is tamped down and joy floods into our hearts. "The humble are necessarily joyful, for where there is no pride, there can be no self-centeredness, which makes joy impossible" said Fulton J Sheen.
- Freedom:** Imagine the inner turmoil of the Pharisee's guests as they sought positions of honour at the table. Their minds were likely busy with comparisons, judgements and guardedness. A humble person would feel none of these anxieties. Free of negativity and distractions, he or she would be focused on warmly greeting other guests, and most importantly, on acknowledging and attending to Jesus. May humility be the source of our security rather than wealth, honours or esteem.

*Renee Pomarico - epriest.com.*

**Thought for the Day:** Status-seeking is rampant in our world. Many people seek fame, power and recognition. Fame may look glamorous. However, almost every day in the news we hear stories of how the famous and the glamorous have fallen or been disgraced, often by their own choices. Today Jesus encourages us to be content with what seems to be the lowly and least. Often it is the small and seemingly insignificant gifts of everyday life where we may experience the greatest love, joy, peace and contentment. Today, be mindful and notice the many small gifts you receive. Thanks the giver and thank God!

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**Music lessons:** In tin whistle and flute recommencing in Drumkeeran Community Centre on Thurs 11 Sept with Tutor, Caitríona Horan. The course is suitable for age 7 and upwards. For enquiries please call Tina on 086 160 8378.