

# PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th October 2024

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

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

Fr Loughlain Carolan 985 3012

### Masses

**Important Notice:** The Vigil Mass on the Saturday evening will transfer to Creevelea Church until the end of March 2025. The Sunday Mass will be in Tarmon Church until the plumbing works are finished in Drumkeeran Church.

Should you wish to help with the costs of repair, please send a donation to Fr Tom and mark envelopes "Heating", cheques payable to Drumkeeran Church Account or make the donation directly to;

IBAN: IE12 BOFI 9054 0829 8913 29 please use the reference "Heating" and your name.

Thanks to the parishioners who have given a donation to help cover the cost of the new heating system.

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| Sat 12th Oct   | 7:00pm  | <b>Creevelea</b> |  |
| Sun 13th Oct   | 11:15am | <b>Tarmon</b>    | Chris McKenna (MM).<br>Mae McGee.<br>Peter & Kathleen Loughlin, Sheena.<br>Kathleen & James Flynn & Deceased Family.<br>Adoration. |
| Mon 14th Oct   | 6:00pm  | Drumkeeran       | Elizabeth Woods & Deceased Family.   |
|                | 7:00pm  | Drumkeeran       |  |
| Tue 15th Oct   | 11:00am | Áras Bhríde      |  |
| Wed 16th Oct   | 10:00am | Creevelea        | James, Mary & Kathleen Gilhooly & Deceased of<br>The Doherty Family, Geaglom.  |
| Thurs 17th Oct | 10:00am | Drumkeeran       |  |
| Fri 18th Oct   | 7:00pm  | Tarmon           |  |
| Sat 19th Oct   | 7:00pm  | <b>Creevelea</b> |  |
| Sun 20th Oct   | 11:15am | <b>Tarmon</b>    | P J McLoughlin, Sheena.<br>Margaret McPartland, Liskellew.   |

**Choir Practice:** Mon 14 Oct at 8:30pm in Tarmon Church. New voices are always welcome.

**Welcome:** To Mateo McMorrow, son of Jason and Estefanía, who was baptised in St Patrick's Church, Tarmon on Sat 5 Oct. May he have a long and happy life under the care of the Lord.

**Mission Sunday:** Next weekend is Mission Sunday, you can bring in your Mission Sunday envelopes to help financially in countries that where there Churches need help. There will also be available a limited number of Missio envelopes that can be used if you do not have a box of envelopes or if you would like to make an extra donation to help the churches in Sudan and South Sudan. Please see the Mission letters on the noticeboards.

**Relics of Saint Bernadette:** Will visit the Cathedral of Saint Patrick and Felim on Mon 28 Oct and Saint Clare's Church, Manorhamilton on Tues 29 Oct. The relics have been brought on a very rare trip outside of France, coming to Ireland from Lourdes and are expected to draw many as they are venerated in Catholic Churches throughout Ireland. Further information available next week.

**Drumkeeran NS:** Are holding a Cash for Clobber Collection on Thurs 7 Nov, more details are available on the Parish website.

### 10 Good Reasons To Go To Mass

### Part 2.

Whether you're 8 years old or in your 80s, at some point in your life you've probably struggled with the question, "Why do we have to go to Mass?" If you feel like skipping Mass, here are 10 good reasons to go:

5. *We need to talk to God* - When we go to Mass, we speak to God through our singing, our communal responses and prayers, and our personal prayers from the depths of our hearts. During the Mass, we have the opportunity to ask God for what we need, promise God that we will do what He wants us to do, and thank God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us.

6. *People need our prayers* - We can pray for other people anytime, but when we pray for others during Mass, we pray in a special way. It doesn't matter if the other people are separated from us by distance or by death. The Mass brings us together in the Body of Christ, and we become the communion of saints. It is part of the cosmic dimension of the Mass that unites heaven and earth by reaching across time and space.

7. *We need to stand up for what we believe* - Being a follower of Jesus is counter-cultural. At every Mass, we have the opportunity to stand up and proclaim what we believe publicly. We admit that we believe in God, in Jesus, in the Holy Spirit, in the Catholic Church, in the communion of Saints, in the forgiveness of sins and in life after death. It is a powerful statement of allegiance and an opportunity to recommit ourselves.

8. *We need to acknowledge that we make mistakes* - At every Mass, we have the opportunity to review the past week. We admit that we have sinned in thought, in word, in deed, in what we have done and what we have failed to do. We seek forgiveness, and we are assured that God still loves us. Before we receive Communion, we admit that we are not worthy and ask God to heal us. Going to Mass helps us to strengthen our commitment to live moral lives.

9. *We need ritual in our lives* - Mass is a ritual, which means that through the repetition of prayers, movements, and the changing of bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ, we are formed, disciplined and consoled. The "sameness" of the Mass carries us along the spiritual journey - even when we don't "feel" like praying. The "sameness" of the ritual allows us to be transformed on a soul level, even if we are unaware of what is happening.

10. *We need to experience something bigger than ourselves* - When we go to Mass, we share in the death and resurrection of Jesus. When we offer our ordinary lives to God through Jesus, we enter into God's great plan for the world. We are strengthened by the Eucharist and sent out into the world to bring the Gospel message to all people. The Mass gives meaning and purpose to our lives. It gives us a sense of destiny and offers the kind of peace that the world cannot give. It helps us to see that there is something bigger than ourselves. What if you changed your attitude about going to Mass? What if you began to think of Mass as the time of day when you can connect with God and with other people in a special way? What if you concentrated on the things you like about your parish instead of what you don't like? What if you made Mass a priority? The effects of these kinds of positive attitudes may surprise you.

*Lorene Hanley Duquin, Our Sunday Visitor.*

**Indigestion and Connection:** An evening for Rural Men with a Special showing of 'Indigestion' by Seamus O'Rourke. Leitrim Development Company along with Healthy Ireland, North Leitrim Men's Group and Killenummery Men's Shed are excited to announce a special evening dedicated to promoting social connections and well-being for men, especially those in isolated areas. The event will be held on Wed 23 Oct at Killenummery Community Centre, with doors opening at 7:00pm. There will be a bus to this event available - to book the bus please contact Carol 086 204 2628 / [carol@ldco.ie](mailto:carol@ldco.ie).