

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

22nd September 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 main body of Drumkeeran Church is closed until further notice. All Sunday Masses are now in Creevelea Church. Adoration and weekday Masses are back in the small chapel in Drumkeeran from Mon 2 Sept. This is to enable the plumbing to be replaced. Thank you for your cooperation. 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.

Sat 21st Sep	7:00pm	Tarmon	Frank & Winnie McNama. Angela Snape & Kitty Dixon.
Sun 22nd Sep	11:15am	Creevelea	Lil McMorrow, Sheena (MM). Johnny Gallagher & Deceased of the Gallagher & McLoughlin Families. Philomena Fallon & the Deceased of Fallon & McGowan families. John and Margaret Kellegher. Adoration. Mass.
Mon 23rd Sep	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	
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Tue 24th Sep	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	
Wed 25th Sep	10:00am	Creevelea	
Thurs 26th Sep	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 27th Sep	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sat 28th Sep	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sun 29th Sep	11:15am	Creevelea	John McPartland, Derrinvoney.

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

St Killian's Relics: The Parish of Mullagh & Cross welcomes St Killian home for a celebration of hope and a pilgrimage of joy from Thurs 3 Oct to Sun 6 Oct. Please see the fliers on the noticeboards.

Pre-Marriage Course Dates 2025: The courses will take place in the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cullies, Cavan, H12E5C7. To book a course please log on to: www.accord.ie.

Friday 7th February	7.30pm – 10.00pm
Saturday 8th February	10.00am – 5.00pm
Friday 11th April	7.30pm – 10.00pm
Saturday 12th April	10.00am – 5.00pm
Friday 10th October	7.30pm – 10.00pm
Saturday 11th October	10.00am – 5.00pm.

Points to Ponder

As much as conflicts are inevitable in life, we must not allow them to tear us apart. Sadly, the root of most of such conflicts is selfish ambitions. So, James admonishes us not to allow selfish ambitions destroy our relationships, families and communities.

In today's Gospel, Jesus foretells His imminent suffering, death and resurrection.

Unfortunately, instead of reflecting on what Christ was saying, His disciples were busy quarrelling secretly over who was the greatest. Of course, their argument was aimed at the earthly government they imagined that Christ had come to establish. So, like the community that James wrote to, Jesus' disciples were experiencing a conflict of interest.

This is what we often see in any society, church, family, and indeed anywhere that personal ambition is considered more important than anything else. There, we see in-fighting, gossips, indifference, aggression, threats to lives and properties, hatred, and all sorts of vices. All these, come at the expense of the common good and peaceful coexistence. Wherever these exist, there can be no progress, prosperity and peace. Therefore, by using a child as an example for us today, Jesus is simply teaching us that we have to become like children in order to be great. Of course, this does not mean being childish. Rather, it means being child-like. It means that, we have to live our lives in humble service to God and to one another.

Fr Njoku Canice Chukwuemeka CSSp

Coffee Morning: There will be a coffee morning in aid of the North West Hospice this Sun 22 Sep in Davitt's on Main Street in Drumkeeran after the 11:15am Mass. Please support generously, bring a friend and enjoy the company, all welcome!

St Patrick's National School Tarmon: Are hosting a coffee morning on Fri 27 Sept from 10:00am to 12:00pm in aid of North West Hospice Sligo which is a wonderful cause close to many families in the area. All welcome from the parish and neighbouring communities.

Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme 2024/2025: Open to all, individual applicants, communities and groups. The Grant is €75 per km of the roadside hedge/overhanging trees which are cut back. Minimum length of road network per application is 1km. A new additional Grant of €50 per KM (Total of €125 per KM) has been introduced by Leitrim County Council to encourage the cutting of dangerous overhanging tree canopies/branches along the public road network. Further information and application forms are available from Leitrim County Councils website www.leitrimcoco.ie or by contacting the Roads Department by e-mail - roads@leitrimcoco.ie or telephone 071 9620005 Ext. 630. Closing Date is Fri 31 Jan 2025.

Leitrim Women Through Time: Presents 'How did the Marriage Bar Affect Irish Women?' A free talk by Dr. Deirdre Foley (The Marriage Bar Project) at 7:00pm on Thurs 26 Sept in The Glens Centre, Manorhamilton. Up until 1973, the Marriage Bar required female civil servants to retire from their jobs when they married, and banned married women from joining the permanent civil service. Everyone is welcome to join this free drop-in event, and advance booking is not necessary.

SVP in Leitrim Recruiting New Volunteers: Please consider volunteering with SVP and become part of the largest charitable organisation in the country. Offering a little bit of help at the right time can give people hope for the future. Volunteers sharing their time and skills can change lives forever! SVP will host an information meeting in The Landmark Hotel on Wed 2 Oct at 7:30pm for people interested in joining the conferences around the Leitrim areas. For more information, please call membership support officer Orla Beirne on 087 775 7426 or email: orla.beirne@svp.ie. "Volunteers are our greatest strength, they know the issues in their communities and can address immediate needs as well as helping families and individuals, young and old, move towards self-sufficiency and equal opportunity through friendship and support. Offering a little help at the right time can give people hope for the future. Volunteers sharing their time and skills can change lives forever."