

# PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8th 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 7th Sep	7:00pm	Tarmon	Francie & Katie Flynn. For All Parishioners.
Sun 8th Sep	11:15am	<b>Creevelea</b>	Johnny McGahey (MM). Michael, Beatrice & Rosaleen Lyons. John & Kathleen McHugh, Derrylustia. Des White.
Mon 9th Sep	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration.
	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	Mass.
Tue 10th Sep	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	
Wed 11th Sep	10:00am	Creevelea	
Thurs 12th Sep	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 13th Sep	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sat 14th Sep	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sun 15th Sep	11:15am	<b>Creevelea</b>	Frances, Seamus & Ann O'Brien. Mary & John Rogan & John Harrison.

**Choir Practice for Sunday's in September:** Choir will meet in Creevelea Church on Mon 9 Sept at 8:30pm. New members welcome.

**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.

**Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages April - Oct 2024:** 7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. Contact us for details. Tel. 01 4434510 or website [www.med-irishcentre.com](http://www.med-irishcentre.com)

**Kilmore Diocesan Pioneer Total Abstinence Association:** Are celebrating 125 years of the association. Mass and presentation of pins on Sun 15 Sep in St Mary's Church, Carrigallan at 2:00pm. Chief Celebrant of the Mass - Bishop Martin Hayes. Followed by dinner in the Kilbracken Arms. Tickets for dinner available from your local centres or call Rosaleen (secretary) on 0872450692. National President of the PTAA will also attend. Regions and Centres with banners asked to bring them along. Fr Jordan McGhabhanns ordination and Fr Andrew Tully's Silver Jubilee will also be marked on the day. Everyone welcome.

**Lay Pastoral Ministry Information Meetings Scheduled:** We are pleased to announce that the dates for the information evenings for the Ministry of Lay Pastoral Worker Programme have been finalised! The remaining meetings take place in:

1. Island Theatre, Ballinamore on Tue 17 Sept at 8:00pm.
2. Online Zoom session on Tue 24 Sep at 7:30pm, register in advance by emailing Sean at [directorkdpc@kilmore.ie](mailto:directorkdpc@kilmore.ie).
3. Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cullies, Cavan on Wed 25 Sep at 7:30pm.

Brochures are also available in each church, providing further details. You can also find comprehensive information on the Kilmore diocesan website at [www.kilmorediocese.ie](http://www.kilmorediocese.ie). If you have any queries, please email Martina at [pastoralservices@kilmorediocese.ie](mailto:pastoralservices@kilmorediocese.ie) or telephone 085 864 0299.

**Season of Creation:** The Season of Creation 2024 which begins on September 1st and concludes on October 4th 2024 - the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, the Patron of Ecology. The theme for 2024 is 'To hope and act with Creation' rooted in the Pauline image of the Earth as a Mother groaning as in childbirth (Rom 8:22). I invite you to view the wide variety of Season of Creation Resources that are available at [www.catholicbishops.ie/laudato-si/season-of-creation-2024/](http://www.catholicbishops.ie/laudato-si/season-of-creation-2024/)

### Points to Ponder

### Mark 7:31-37

We all have ears, but very often we are not able to hear. Why is this? It is interior deafness, which is worse than physical deafness, because it is the deafness of the heart. Taken up with haste, by so many things to say and do, we do not find time to stop and listen to those who speak to us. We run the risk of becoming impervious to everything and not making room for those who need to be heard. I am thinking about children, young people, the elderly, the many who do not really need words and sermons, but to be heard. Let us ask ourselves; how is my capacity to listen going? Do I let myself be touched by people's lives? Do I know how to spend time with those who are close to me in order to listen?

This regards all of us, but in a special way also priests. The priest must listen to people, not in a rushed way, but listen and see how he can help, but after having listened. And all of us: first listen, then respond. Think about family life: how many times do we talk without listening first, repeating the same things, always the same things! Incapable of listening, we always say the same things, or we do not let the other person finish talking, expressing themselves, and we interrupt them. Starting a dialogue often happens not through words, but silence, by not insisting, by patiently beginning anew to listen to others, hearing about their struggles and what they carry inside. The healing of the heart begins with listening. Listening.

*Pope Francis.*

**Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland:** A weekend experience is for married couples who want something more in their marriage; more fun, spontaneity, excitement, communication, understanding, romance, intimacy, passion, joy. Our next Marriage Enrichment Weekend is Friday 8 - 10 November 2024 at Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare. Online booking only: [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie).

**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 10am to 5pm on Sat 21 Sep. Contact: [vocations@poorclares.ie](mailto:vocations@poorclares.ie) to book a place. For more information: [www.poorclares.ie/monastic-experience-days](http://www.poorclares.ie/monastic-experience-days).

**Coffee Morning:** There will be a coffee morning in aid of the North West Hospice on 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!