

# PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

## Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th August 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:** Drumkeeran Church is closed for Sunday Masses until further notice as the heating and plumbing has had to be repaired. The Adoration Chapel will be used for weekday Masses and for Adoration on Monday evenings from 6:00pm until 7:00pm. The Sunday Mass will be in Creevelea 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.

Sat 24th Aug	7:00pm	Tarmon	For All Parishioners.
Sun 25th Aug	11:15am	<b>Creevelea</b>	For All Parishioners.
Mon 26th Aug	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration.
	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	Mass. Nova Leigh Breeze, (1st Anniversary).
Tue 27th Aug	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	
Wed 28th Aug	10:00am	Creevelea	
Thurs 29th Aug	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 30th Aug	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sat 31st Aug	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sun 1 Sep	11:15am	<b>Creevelea</b>	

**Welcome:** To Cillian Molloy, son of Fergal and Fiona, Greyfield; Cillian was baptised in St Brigid's Church, Drumkeeran on Tues 20 Aug. May he have a long and happy life under the care of the Lord.

**Choir Practice for Sunday's in September:** Choir will meet in Creevelea Church on Mon 2 and Mon 9 Sept at 8:30pm. New members welcome.

**Safeguarding:** Safeguarding meeting, primarily for Parents of New Altar Servers from all Church areas, after the 7:00pm Mass in Drumkeeran Church on Mon 2 Sept. At least one parent is required to attend this short meeting. Thanks.

**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 meeting takes place in your area in The Rainbow Centre, Glenfarne on Wed 4 Sept 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 are unable to attend in person, we offer an option to join an online information meeting or one of the other scheduled meetings in the Diocese; all details are on the website. Bishop Martin and team will be present at all the meetings and are looking forward to meeting you. If you have any queries, please email Martina at [pastoralservices@kilmorediocese.ie](mailto:pastoralservices@kilmorediocese.ie) or telephone 085 864 0299.

### Church Ministers for September:

Readers: Tarmon Church - Brian & Ina Keane.

Drumkeeran Church - Gillian Forde.

Collectors: Tarmon Church - Gerry Rynn & P McPadden.

Drumkeeran Church - Sean Gallagher, Desmond Wynne, Veronica McTiernan & Mary McHugh.

**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

### John 6:60-69

It is not easy to follow Jesus. Sometimes, we can follow not Him, but our own desires and channel them through a thin but insubstantial veil of Christianity. The Jesus we follow is relentlessly loving, not least towards those who hate Him, those who spurn Him. Can we say the same of ourselves?

Believing doesn't make everything suddenly easy. Belief is not a single-decision way of life. As Christians we must wake up every day and say: "yes, today I shall believe". We must renew our belief, renew our devotion to God. Otherwise, we risk what was mentioned at the beginning of this reflection, which is to follow our own desires rather than Him. Conversion isn't a one-stop shop; it must be renewed daily, sometimes hourly.

Many walk away from belief in God because of the demands it asks of us. We are asked to believe in something that, at least on this earth, we are never going to figure out... ever. It is a mystery. Yet, with the gift of faith, and a constant renewal of it, we can come to be better followers of Jesus, better emulators of His words and actions.

We pray, then, for the gift of faith, that we may use the gifts that God gives us to walk more wholesomely, more courageously, in His image, to believe where others do not, and to love where others abandon. Amen.

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**Dromahair Community Playschool:** Are currently recruiting an Early Years Practitioner Fetac Level 6. Please send CV to [dromahairplayschool@gmail.com](mailto:dromahairplayschool@gmail.com).

**You, Me and Palliative Care:** Palliative Care Week 2024 takes place on 8-14 September. The theme is 'You, Me and Palliative Care.' The theme was chosen with the aim of reminding people about the different ways that palliative care can touch any of our lives, how it can affect all of us and how it can benefit us if and when we may need it. Please visit their website at <https://thepalliativehub.com/palliative-care-week-2024/>.

**LGFA Church gate Collection 2024:** Church gate collections will take place this weekend, Sat/Sun 24/25 Aug, in support of the Leitrim County Ladies Gaelic Football Association (LGFA) Your donation directly benefits Leitrim LGFA in essential resources, equipment, and training opportunities. Thank you for your generosity and support.

**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).