

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

16th August 2020

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

Neighbouring Priests: Fr T Mannion 964 3014 - Fr P Casey 916 4143 -
Fr Loughlain Carolan 985 3012

Sunday Masses

St Brigid's Church, Creevelea

Sat 15th Aug 8.00pm Eddie Williams, Derrylustia
Sat 22nd Aug 8.00pm Frank & Katie Gilhooly & son Jim, Gubaderra
Kathleen Gallagher, Leonagh

St. Patrick's Church, Tarmon

Sun 16th Aug 10.00am Pat & Tessie McManus & Deceased of the
McManus Family

Sun 23rd Aug 10.00am

St Brigid's Church, Drumkeeran

Sat 15th Aug 11.15am **Mass of the Assumption**
Sun 16th Aug 11.15 am Mary McPartlan
Francis & Mary Ellen Boylan
Joe Harrison & Parents
Sun 23rd Aug 11.15 am Tommy Forde
Paddy Boylan

Masses During the Week

Mon 17th Aug	7.00 pm	Drumkeeran	Special Intentions
Tues 18th Aug	10.00am	Drumkeeran	NO MASS
Wed 19th Aug	10.00am	Creevelea	Special Intentions
Thurs 20th Aug	10.00am	Drumkeeran	Special Intentions
Fri 21st Aug	7.00 pm	Tarmon	Special Intentions
Sat 22nd Aug	12noon	Drumkeeran	Confirmation Mass

Confession: Available after weekday Masses or anytime on request.

Welcome: To Ailbhe Rebecca Fallon, daughter of Aidan and Kim, Cloonmeone, who was Baptised in St Brigid's Church, Drumkeeran on Sat 8 August.

Pray for: Eileen McCaffrey (née McTiernan) who died in England, formerly of Tullintowell, Creevelea. May she rest in peace.
Also, Johnny (Sean) Duignan of Ballinrillick, Co. Sligo, formerly of Drumkeerin. A brother of Seamus; who died during the week. May he rest in peace.

Face Masks: While parishioners are **inside** the Church they are **advised** to wear a mask, if possible. This makes others feel safer. **Young** children (under 12's) don't have to wear a mask. Please keep your mask covering your nose and mouth while coming up for Communion, it should be dropped only briefly to allow for taking of the Sacrament. Thanks.

Request: **PLEASE** don't leave Mass leaflets and Newsletters on the seats as you leave the Church. Bring them back to the table where you collected them if you don't want to take them home, thanks.

PLC Courses at Monaghan Institute: Places are available on full-time courses, starting in Sept. Apply online at www.monaghaninstitute.ie. Open evening on Wed 2 Sept 2020, from 4-7pm. All Welcome. Please follow social distancing rules and wear a face covering.

The Deep End - A Woman of Faith: You can almost hear the chuckle. It is not mentioned, but I always imagine that Jesus smiles or even laughs as He delivers the line, "Woman, you have great faith." Today's Gospel recounts an unusual exchange between Jesus and the unnamed Canaanite woman who challenges Him. She has seen what Jesus can do, she has faith, and she is advocating for her daughter. She is persistent, shouting out to Jesus and apparently also badgering the Disciples, to the point where they plead with Jesus to "give her what she wants." Jesus' rebuke seems shockingly unkind: "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs". But the woman doesn't give up. It is a matter of justice for her, as is evident in her witty response about the dogs getting the scraps from the master's table. 'Good for her!' - We feel like cheering. It is a strange story, with Jesus at first appearing cold in his response to the woman. But as we know, He has a tendency to test His followers. His disciples, who know Him well and have seen lots of miracles, often fall short. But this woman passes with flying colours. Jesus can see that she is a person of strong faith, clever and determined. She is not easily dismissed. In allowing her to state her case, Jesus also presents a challenge to the religious and social status quo. This pagan woman (Jesus' reference to 'house-dogs' tells us a lot about her status) exhibits more faith than His own disciples. Jesus does not want us to be silent, compliant or complacent. He rejoices in those who are brave and persistent, and eager to challenge the injustices they see around them - those who have the gift of changing minds and hearts. We might call it the gift of prophecy.

Triona Doherty