

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th October 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. Patrick's Church, Tarmon

Sat 10th Oct James & Kathleen Flynn & Deceased Family
Rita & Tommy Gilhooly, Gertie Fallon &
Deceased of both families

Sat 17th Oct Mary & Michael Rynn & Deceased Family

St Brigid's Church, Creevelea

Sun 11th Oct Winnifred & Frank McNama

Sun 18th Oct

St Brigid's Church, Drumkeeran

Sun 11th Oct Jim & Teresa Gallagher

Sun 18th Oct Mary & Jim Hazlett & Deceased Family

Masses During the Week

Mon 12th Oct Jack Gallagher, Derrycullinan

Tues 13th Oct Special Intentions

Wed 14th Oct Frances O'Brien (MM) Glassdrummond Mór

Thurs 15th Oct Special Intentions

Fri 16th Oct Special Intentions

NO PUBLIC MASSES: During Level 3, public Masses are suspended. If you want to get a local Mass, tune in on www.churchtv.ie and follow the links to the church of your choice, e.g. Dromahaire. Fr Tom will include the intentions that have been booked for a particular day in a private Mass and the family can request some date in the future. Newsletters will be left in the 3 Churches on Saturday mornings and posted on the website for the Parish, www.inishmagrath.com.

Matthew 22:1-14: *'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding.'*

"Many are called, but few are chosen." Are you considering following Christ more closely as a priest, or in consecrated life? Speak to your Diocesan Vocations Director; Fr Ultan McGoohan, Parish Priest of Killann (Baillieborough) is currently Vocations Director in Kilmore. He may be contacted confidentially at baillieboro2@kilmorediocese.ie, or email the National Vocations Office on info@vocations.ie.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there

And unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

Guess who's not coming to dinner?

"Daddy, will you come to see me play on Saturday?" "Sorry son, I've got to get the car washed for the weekend". We do what we see as urgent, we often neglect the important. Nobody at their retirement will regret not having spent more time in the office but may regret not spending time with their loved ones. It was something similar with those who got the king's invitation. Luke's Gospel goes into more detail. One had bought land, another beasts of burden and another had just got married. They all had something that required their immediate attention.

In Scripture, the wedding feast represents what God has on offer in His Kingdom. In the Old Testament the chosen people didn't accept His invitation. The prophet Isaiah is doing his best to call them to their senses. He is telling them that God wants what's best for them, what will bring them true happiness. He will provide for them, protect them and free them from guilt and shame and a reason to grieve. Then in the psalm this same God will see that "goodness and kindness shall follow His people all the days of their life". To add to that the New Testament reading says, "There is nothing I cannot master with the help on the One who gives me strength". We all need to hear this Good News. Imagine getting the all clear from the cancer specialist but not being told the results of the tests!

So we come to Jesus to hear something wonderful and we have to go and tell what we have heard. God's generosity is such that all that is required to be present at the banquet is the desire to be there. Don't be satisfied with the merely urgent and neglect what's most important.

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Drive-In Bingo: Drumkeerin Community Drive-In Bingo on Sun 11 Oct at 3pm in Drumkeerin GAA Park.

Irish Cancer Society: Is looking for volunteers to drive patients to and from their hospital treatments. Drivers with free weekday time and who can commit to driving twice a month, please email Gail at gflinter@irishcancer.ie or call 01 2310 566 for an application form. Please note, due to the impact of the Coronavirus we are looking for drivers under the age of 70 years.