

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Schools Week Begins

28th January 2024

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

Neighbouring Priests: Fr T Mannion 964 3014 - Fr P Casey 916 4143 -

Fr Loughlain Carolan 985 3012

Masses

Sat 27th Jan	7:00pm	Creevelea	
Sun 28th Jan	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Kathleen O'Brien (1st Anniversary). Jack Glynn.
Mon 29th Jan	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration.
	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	Mass intention for all who helped at the time of Kathleen O'Brien's funeral.
Tues 30th Jan	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	
Wed 31st Jan	10:00am	Creevelea	
Thurs 1st Feb	10:00am	Drumkeeran	St Brigid's Day - Blessing of the Crosses. Maggie & Josie McPartlan, Lisanerris.
Fri 2nd Feb	7:00pm	Tarmon	The Presentation of the Lord. Blessing of the Candles.
			St Blaise, Blessing of the Throats.
Sat 3rd Feb	7:00pm	Creevelea	
Sun 4th Feb	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Mary & Peter Flynn. Blessing of the Throats.
			Adoration.
Mon 5th Feb	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	
	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	John Kelly & Deceased of the Kelly Family, Lisacoghill. Ellen & Denis Melaniff & Deceased Family.

Visitation: Fr Tom will be doing his rounds on Fri 2 Feb.

Confession: Available after weekday Mass or on request.

Church Ministers for February:

Readers - Readings are available in the Sacristy of each church.

Drumkeeran Church - Brian Keane.

Creevelea Church - Rita McTiernan.

Collectors - Drumkeeran Church - Kevin Forde, Paul Gallagher, Tomás Cassidy and Aiden McHugh.

From the Bishop: The Report on the Responses from Parish Meetings of Autumn 2023 has been sent to all Parishes and Parish Pastoral Councils to be made available to parishioners and can be found on the Diocesan Website www.kilmorediocese.ie. It is accompanied by a Message from Bishop Martin indicating immediate next steps in response to the Report.

Saint Vincent de Paul: Our telephone number is 085 7764431. We may also be contacted by dropping a note into the SVP box in the Porch of Drumkeerin Church. All contact is confidential.

Points to Ponder

Mark 1:21-28

Today's Gospel story shows us a person who spoke with a courage and a wisdom that struck the ordinary people with its ring of authority. Synagogues were beginning to come into existence in the first century. They were local centres, used for civic gatherings as well as for study and worship. Many Gospel scenes are located in them. Jesus could be sure to find an audience there. In today's episode Mark's stress is on the authority of Jesus which He exercises in two ways. Firstly, He teaches with authority - His own authority. This was different from the scribes whose teaching was dependent on what others had said or written. Secondly, Jesus shows His authority over unclean spirits. He is able to confront, silence and expel the spirit that has taken possession of the unfortunate man in the story. Such exorcisms point to the ultimate victory of the Kingdom of God over evil and death. Jesus taught with authority; and the authority came from His person. There we see what it can mean to be fully human; compassionate, fearless, loving, with a passion for justice and awareness of what is in the human heart. It is by watching Him and pondering His words and behaviour, that I too will learn what it is to be human. In driving out devils, Jesus shows that in the reign of God there is no room for oppressive evil forces which weigh down on God's children. No one should have to live in hell. Jesus is in agony until the end of the world, standing with us against all forms of addiction, exploitation, violence and abuse.

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Thought for the Day:

There is a winter in all of our lives, a chill and darkness that makes us yearn for days that have gone or put our hope in the days yet to be.

We need a winter in our lives, like nature around us, a time of rest, a time to stand still, a time to reacquaint ourselves with the faith in which we live.

It is only then that we can draw strength from the one in whom we are rooted take time to grow and rise through the darkness into the warm glow of your springtime.

Amen.

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Anam Cara Armagh: The organisation that supports bereaved parents is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wed 31 Jan at 7:15pm in the The Armagh City Hotel, Friary Rd, Armagh. We also offer an online support service. Contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 028 95213120 for any queries.

Drumkeerin National School: Is now enrolling for September 2024. Enrolment application forms are available from the school. Please call 071 9648314 or email drumkeerinns@gmail.com to register your child.