

# PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

26th November 2023

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### Masses

Sat 25th Nov	7:00pm	Tarmon	Katie & Francie Flynn & Deceased Family.
Sun 26th Nov	10:00am	Creevelea	
	11:15am	Drumkeeran	- Nora Gallagher, Derrinvoney. - Annie Gallagher, Drumbrahade (1st Anniversary). - Michael O'Brien. - Margaret McTiernan & Deceased Parents Annie & John.
Mon 27th Nov	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration until 6:50pm.
	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	
Tue 28th Nov	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	
Wed 29th Nov	10:00am	Creevelea	
Thurs 30th Nov	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 1st Dec	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sat 2nd Dec	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sun 3rd Dec	10:00am	Creevelea	
	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Thomsie & Mary McDermott.

**Confession:** Available after weekday Mass or on request.

**Visitations:** Fr Tom will be doing his rounds on Fri 1 Dec.

**Pray For:** Mary O'Reilly (née O'Connor), sister of Pauline O'Connor; Mary died recently in New York. May she rest peacefully in the loving arms of the Lord.

**Congratulations:** To Aoife McKenna and Cathal McCauley who were married in St Brigid's Church, Drumkeeran on Fri 17 Nov. May God bless them in their married life.

#### Church Ministers for December:

Readers - Readings available in each Sacristy.

Tarmon Church - Ann Foley.

Creevelea Church - John McTernan.

Drumkeeran Church - John Rynn.

Collectors - Drumkeeran Church - Mary Louise McCabe, Teresa Devitt, Gabriel Clarke, Margaret McPartlan.

Tarmon Church - Volunteers wanted.

**Totus Tuus Magazine:** Is a Catholic magazine, full of articles from Irish priests and laity, which aims to highlight the beauty and joy of our faith. It is going into its 7th year and is run by donations. If you haven't come across Totus Tuus Magazine and would like a free copy please contact Fiona Kiely on 086 8760058.

**Kilmore Youth Ministry:** Is running a Christmas art competition. It's open to all primary school students in Kilmore Diocese. Participants are asked to "draw a picture of the first Nativity". Entries can be sent to; Youth Ministry Office, The Conaty Centre, Cullies, Co Cavan, H12 E5C7. The closing date is December 12th.

#### Points to Ponder:

#### Matthew 25: 31-46

It is striking how many times in the Gospels Jesus identifies Himself with others, especially with those who would have been considered without status or honour in His culture, such as children. On one occasion He said, "whoever welcomes one such child in My name welcomes Me, and whoever welcomes Me welcomes the One who sent Me". On another occasion He said to His own disciples, "Whoever welcomes you, welcomes Me, and whoever welcomes Me welcomes the One who sent Me". His disciples, for the most part, would not have been among the powerful and honourable of the time. In this morning's Gospel, Jesus identifies Himself with the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and the imprisoned. Jesus seems to be saying to us that He comes to us in a special way through the brokenness, vulnerability and lowliness of others. He is also saying that He comes to others through our own brokenness and vulnerability. The two groups in this morning's Gospel reading were assessed very differently but each group asked the same question, "When did we see you hungry...". One group was serving the Lord without realising it. We don't often recognise the Lord in the brokenness and suffering of life, whether it is the brokenness and suffering of others or our own. Today's Gospel reading invites us to become more aware of the Lord's presence in weakness, vulnerability, failure and distress. On the cross, Jesus Himself was hungry, thirsty, a stranger, naked, sick and imprisoned. As risen Lord, He now identifies with all those who are in a similar situation.

*Fr Martin's Homilies and Reflections.*

**A Prayer for the Feast of Christ the King:** As the great wheel of the liturgy spins, it lands here, once a year, to remind us that Christ is King. In winter's chill or late autumn drear, we need reminding that new life will come, springing from frozen roots and brittle branches. As we prepare to approach the manger once more, we need this renewal in understanding that the glory of God turns up in the most unexpected places. O Christ the King, turn our hearts this day not only to the world around us but to the world within us - where your Kingdom comes anew with each act of love we offer, each prayer we whisper, each breath we draw, Amen.  
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**Lough Allen College:** The students of Lough Allen College are staging a performance of "The Cripple of Inishmaan" on Thurs 30 Nov and Fri 1 Dec. This is our annual show, which raises vital funds for the school. Contact the school for tickets on either email [enquiries@loughallencollege.ie](mailto:enquiries@loughallencollege.ie) or telephone (071) 964 80 17.

**North Leitrim Women's Centre Christmas Market:** Will be held in The Bee Park Centre, Manorhamilton on Sat 2nd and Sun 3rd December from 12 noon until 4pm. There will be over 60 stalls, different stalls each day. All welcome!

**Online Advent Retreat:** The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a free of charge online retreat; 'Reflecting on the Sunday Gospels of Advent'. Visit our website at [www.prioryinstitute.com](http://www.prioryinstitute.com).