

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of the Poor

19th November 2023

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

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

Fr Loughlain Carolan 985 3012

Masses

Sat 18th Nov	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sun 19th Nov	10:00am	Creevelea	Liam Bouchier (2nd Anniversary) & Deceased of the Bouchier Family. John & Annie Conlon. Paddy Kelly.
	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Adoration until 6:50pm.
Mon 20th Nov	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	
	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	
Tue 21st Nov	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	
Wed 22nd Nov	10:00am	Creevelea	
Thurs 23rd Nov	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 24th Nov	7:00pm	Tarmon	Kathleen Gilhooly, Lough Allen & Deceased of the Fallon & Gilhooly Families. Katie & Francie Flynn & Deceased Family.
Sat 25th Nov	7:00pm	Tarmon	
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.

Confession: Available after weekday Mass or on request.

Choir Practice: In Drumkeeran Church on Mon 20 Nov at 8:30pm, new members always welcome. If you can sing, please help out and bring a friend who can also sing.

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.

The 2024 Pioneer Calendar: Available from Pioneer centres and from Central Office on 01 805 4226. The calendar is designed to offer spiritual support and encouragement to families which are being impacted by alcohol and addiction. The calendar is priced at €5. www.pioneerassociation.org/calendar.

Points to Ponder:

We are living in times that are not particularly sensitive to the needs of the poor. The pressure to adopt an affluent lifestyle increases, while the voices of those dwelling in poverty tend to go unheard. We are inclined to neglect anything that varies from the model of life set before the younger generation, those who are most vulnerable to the cultural changes now taking place. We disregard anything that is unpleasant or causes suffering and exalt physical qualities as if they were the primary goal in life. Virtual reality is overtaking real life, and increasingly the two worlds blend into one. The poor become a film clip that can affect us for a moment, yet when we encounter them in flesh and blood on our streets, we are annoyed and look the other way. Haste, by now the daily companion of our lives, prevents us from stopping to help care for others. The parable of the Good Samaritan (cf. Lk 10:25-37) is not simply a story from the past; it continues to challenge each of us in the here and now of our daily lives. It is easy to delegate charity to others, yet the calling of every Christian is to become personally involved.

If we want to help change history, we need to hear the cry of the poor and commit ourselves to ending their marginalisation. We cannot remain passive. Blessed are the hands that reach beyond the barrier of culture, religion, and nationality, and pour the balm of consolation over the wounds of humanity. Blessed are the open hands that ask for nothing in exchange, with no 'ifs' or 'buts' or 'maybes'. They are hands that call down God's blessing upon their brothers and sisters.

Pope Francis.

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 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. The market is a great chance to get your entire Christmas shopping all under one roof and support local businesses at this festive time of year. Stalls include; jewellery, wines, handy crafts, pottery, Christmas decorations, cards, paintings, home baking, knitted goods, novelty items, cheeses, glassware and much, much more!

Drumkeerin National School: Will be holding a Toy Show Cake Sale in school from 1:30pm until 2:30pm on Fri 24 Nov. Parents and grandparents are welcome to bake cakes/buns and send them in on the day. We ask that you clearly mark if your cakes/buns contain nuts. This includes if they contain almond or other nut flavourings. Pop along to get some baked treats, all welcome.

New Chairperson: The new Chairperson of the Drumkeerin NS Board of Management will be Des Wynne. We congratulate him and wish him well in this new role.