

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

20th August 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 19th Aug	8:00pm	Creevelea	Tom & Kathleen Gallagher, Leonagh.
Sun 20th Aug	10:00am	Tarmon	
	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Tom, Lucy, Jimmy, Packie & Gerry Gilbride.
Mon 21st Aug	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration until 6:50pm.
	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	Mass.
Tue 22nd Aug	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	
Wed 23rd Aug	10:00am	Creevelea	
Thur 24th Aug	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 25th Aug	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sat 26th Aug	8:00pm	Creevelea	Martin & Alice McTiernan.
Sun 27th Aug	10:00am	Tarmon	
	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Hugh & Annie & Stephen McPartland & Deceased Family. Paddy Travers & Deceased Family.

Confession: Available after weekday Mass or on request.

Volunteers Wanted: We require the following help in all church areas, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Collectors. The pupils who received First Communion this year are invited to start serving at Mass.

The Poor Clares: The Poor Clares, Galway are hosting a Monastic Experience Day on Sat 26 August from 10:00am to 5:00pm. The day is designed to help young women who are exploring the possibility of a religious vocation to find out more about the Poor Clare way of life. If you would like to attend the day you can book a place at:

vocations@poorclares.ie.

Lough Derg Pilgrim Path Camino for The Year of Vocations: On Sat 26 Aug you are invited to walk the Pilgrim Path at Lough Derg (8km) as a prayer for the blessing of vocations to Diocesan priesthood. Pilgrims will be accompanied by Fr La Flynn & Team. Advance booking is essential online www.loughderg.org email; info@loughderg.org or tel: 071 9861518 (from NI 00 35371 9861518).

Points to Ponder: Identifying a people with an animal has been a fairly standard form of racist abuse in the course of history. We might be tempted to ask, 'What is Jesus at?' The woman's retort to Jesus shows both ingenuity and wit. Both of them would have been well aware that children often eat untidily and the pet dogs in a home gobble up what the children let fall. She is saying to Jesus that house dogs like herself can benefit here and now from God's favour to the children of Israel revealed through Jesus. With her retort, the racial boundary between herself and Jesus completely collapses. He pays here a compliment that is unique in the Gospels, 'you have great faith' - this woman is the only person in the Gospels whom Jesus addresses as having "great faith." This Gospel foreshadows the breaking down of racial barriers that will characterize the early Church. Within the early Church, there was no distinction between Jew, Samaritan or pagan of whatever nationality. Indeed, in today's second reading, Paul says that just as Jews have received God's mercy, the pagans are now receiving God's mercy, because God desires 'to show mercy to all mankind'. That is the message of all three readings this Sunday. The embrace of God is not a closed circle. All have the mercy of God available to them. The calling of the Gospel is to keep widening our circle until it becomes as wide as God's circle, so that we cease to recognise those different from us as aliens, but as brothers and sisters in Christ, as brothers and sisters in humanity.

Martin Hogan, You Have One Teacher - Reflections on the Gospel.

Drumkeeran Community Family Festival: The festival runs from Fri 18 Aug to Sun 27 Aug at various venues. Please see "Drumkeeran Festival" on Facebook or contact 0872448642 or 0863699217 for more information. A copy of the flyer is on the news tab of the parish website.

Leitrim County Childcare Committees Childminder's Network Free Event:

Leitrim County Childcare Committee is inviting all childminders to a free crafts workshop on Thurs 14 Sept at 7:15pm in Childhood Days, Laird House, Church St, Drumshanbo N41H3C5. Booking is necessary please contact; aoife@leitrimchildcare.ie or phone 083 468 3773.

QQI Level 5 Computer Course: Starting on Mon 11 September 2023; Mohill Computer Training are now recruiting for our full-time QQI Level 5 computer programme. This course will help you to up skill, gain employment or access third level education. This is a full-time computer applications course. Register now as we only have a few places available. Call 071 9632024 or email margaret@mct.ie for more information.

Church Gate Collection LGFA: There will be a Church gate collection next weekend, Sat/Sun 26/27 August, in support of the Leitrim County Ladies Gaelic Football Association (LGFA). Any donation you give directly benefits Leitrim LGFA in essential resources, equipment, and training opportunities. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Cavan Institute: Is holding an "Open Day" on Fri 1 Sept from 9:00am to 4:00pm. So, if you are taking a gap year, undecided on which career path you wish to take, deferring your CAO course or returning to education to up skill or retrain, why not drop in and discuss your options! Visit www.cavaninstitute.ie for information.