

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th July 2021

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

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

Fr Loughlain Carolan 985 3012

Masses

Sat 3rd July	8:00pm	Creevelea	Patrick & Elizabeth Daly Sarah & Martin McMorrogh & Daughter, Mary McGuigan
Sun 4th July	10:00am	Tarmon	
Sun 4th July	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Tommy Cassidy
Mon 5th July	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	John & Mary-Ann Devaney
Tues 6th July	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Wed 7th July	10:00am	Creevelea	Margaret & Michael Sweeney, Towneyhoney
Thurs 8th July	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 9th July	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sat 10th July	8:00pm	Creevelea	John & Annie McTiernan & Grandsons Aiden McTiernan & John Murphy
Sun 11th July	10:00am	Tarmon	
Sun 11th July	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Michael & Sadie Early & Son Pat Joseph Molloy
Remember:	1. Sanitise your hands at the door. 2. Wear a face mask all the time, covering nose AND mouth. 3. Keep the 2m distance.		

Baptisms, First Communions and Confirmations: These sacraments can't be celebrated in July as directed by the government. We are told that further advice will follow on resumption of these ceremonies when it is safe to do so. The timing of this advice is regrettable and disappointing, especially for the children, their families and the schools who have prepared diligently for these celebrations.

The concern expressed in the government advice is not with the ceremonies themselves, but with the social gatherings afterwards.

So we must ensure the health and safety of our communities by reminding all concerned to comply with the public health advice on household mixing, indoors and outdoors.

The Deep End - 'This is the carpenter, surely?'

Mark 6:1-6

"A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house." We might find ourselves sympathising with Jesus in today's Gospel: no matter what a person achieves in life, in their home place they will always be identified with their childhood selves and their family. While this generates a sense of belonging, it can be stifling. There is always someone to ensure we don't get ideas 'above our station'!

Returning home to Nazareth, Jesus teaches in the synagogue but His former neighbours turn on Him. Who does He think He is, this carpenter, the son of Mary? This could have been a moment of grace, if they were open to hearing what He had to say. Perhaps the implications of the Good News were just too challenging coming from one of their own.

Sometimes God's Word comes in an unexpected package. As individuals and communities, we can be guilty of silencing certain voices. Do we listen to young people with their energy and idealism, or the elderly with their experience and wisdom? Are we biased against certain groups in society, do we shoot them down before they speak? When our hearts are open, we come to recognise the prophets who are bringing the dream of God to fruition among us.

"Although they heard You Lord, they failed to listen. They heard only what they wanted to hear. The truth hurt them, You made them feel uncomfortable, and they rejected You... Show us how we may seek Your Kingdom and help us to bring peace to a troubled world." (Tony Singleton)

Triona Doherty

Government Funding for Kilbride Church and Graveyard: Leitrim County Council has informed the Committee for Kilbride Church that funding has been awarded, in principle, through the Community Monument Fund 2021 for a project to enhance the stonework of the Church and make safe the entrance. We would like to hear from those with an interest in the Church and Graveyard, particularly anyone whose relatives are buried within and close to the Church walls and those people who might have information on graves that aren't clearly marked. The project must start before 30th Aug and be completed by 29th of October of this year. Due to Covid restrictions the Committee hasn't had a full meeting to date but we will keep the parish newsletter updated with our progress. We hope that some remedial work undertaken this year will secure the Church and Graveyard and make it safe for the future. Details of funding and the regulations governing payment of the allocated funding are available on the LCC website (community monument funds). We would like to thank all those who have made this application for funding successful. Email:

maryearly123@gmail.com.

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