

# PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8th August 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 7th Aug	8:00pm	Creevelea	Tommy Drugan (1st Anniversary).
Sun 8th Aug	10:00am	Tarmon	Tessie & Pat McManus & Deceased Family, Ardlougher.
Sun 8th Aug	11:15am	Drumkeeran	
Mon 9th Aug	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	
Tues 10th Aug	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Wed 11th Aug	10:00am	Creevelea	
Thurs 12th Aug	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 13th Aug	7:00pm	Tarmon	Eddie Williams.
Sat 14th Aug	8:00pm	Creevelea	
Sun 15th Aug	10:00am	Tarmon	
Sun 15th Aug	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Tommy Forde, Mary & John Rogan & John Harrison - Corralustia.

- 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.

**Volunteer Readers:** We need readers for the three churches in August. Can you help? Please contact Fr. Tom if you can, thanks.

**Lecture for Heritage Week:** Mngsr. Liam Kelly is giving a lecture on the first President of St. Patrick's College, Cavan, Dr Bernard Finegan (1837-1887), by Zoom on Thurs 19 Aug at 7:30pm. This lecture is to mark the 150th Anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of the college on 23 May 1871. If you would like to link in to this talk, please email the Pastoral Centre in Cavan and they will send you the link. Their email address is [pastoralcentre@kilmorediocese.ie](mailto:pastoralcentre@kilmorediocese.ie).

**Lost and Found:** A small sum of money was found in the area of the three statues in Drumkeeran Church. If you think it is yours, please check with Fr. Tom in the sacristy.

### The Deep End - Uphill Struggle

John 6:41-51

Have you ever felt like giving up? Elijah certainly did. In today's first reading we meet a prophet who has had enough. He is fleeing from trouble and things seem so hopeless after a days journey that he sits under a bush and begs God to take his life. Life has a way of getting on top of us, such as when we are grieving a loss, when we are hurt by a friend, when illness strikes, or when we are simply exhausted. We experience the feelings described in the famous anonymous poem 'Don't Quit': "When things go wrong as they sometimes will. When the road you're trudging seems all uphill..."

At these times of struggle it is helpful to pause and to refuel for the journey. Elijah was visited by an angel who offered him comfort and respite, giving him the strength he needed to carry on. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again say He is the living bread. Some people have been complaining about His teaching. Surely this is the son of Joseph, they say, demonstrating their lack of understanding of who Jesus really is.

Again He explains that He is the bread of life - more than physical food, more than an ordinary man, He is the living bread and He is God. In all our struggles, especially when we feel like giving up, Jesus offers us nourishment for the journey. This gift is there for us especially in the Eucharist, offering comfort and strength.

*"The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak."* (Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*)

Triona Doherty

**Season of Creation:** Will be celebrated from 1 Sept to 4 Oct 2021. After the Season of Creation there will be a meeting in October of world leaders in China for a UN Biodiversity Conference (known as COP 15) and another UN meeting on Climate Change in November of world leaders in Scotland on (known as COP 26). In preparation for these UN meetings there will be a petition known as the Healthy Planet, Healthy People Petition available at <http://healthyplanetandpeople.org/> for dioceses, parishes, **and individuals to sign**. It is envisaged that this petition with signatures will be presented by Pope Francis to the Presidents of these upcoming UN conferences.

**Rowanberry Enterprises:** Outdoor Public Meeting at 7pm on Wed 18 Aug in the seating stand of Drumkeeran GAA pitch to discuss the current issue with ownership of Rowantree House. More details on this issue were outlined in this week's Leitrim Observer. A good attendance would be welcome; we do not want to lose this resource from our village.

**Sole Mates Walking Group Tarmon:** The 10K sponsored walk is fast approaching, sponsorship cards are in circulation, please support by sponsoring a line. All walkers welcome on next Sun 15 Aug, starting at 11am at Flynn's Rock. Funds raised will be used to develop Scardan Waterfall and its environs. Thank you for your support.