

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th February 2024

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

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

Fr Loughlain Carolan 985 3012

Masses

Sat 10th Feb	7:00pm	Creevelea	
Sun 11th Feb	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Michael Wynne (30th Anniversary).
Mon 12th Feb	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration.
	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	Mass.
Tues 13th Feb	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	No Mass.
Wed 14th Feb	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	Mass - Ash Wednesday - Distribution of Ashes.
	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins, Distribution Of Ashes.
Thurs 15th Feb	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 16th Feb	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sat 17th Feb	7:00pm	Creevelea	
Sun 18th Feb	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Peter Foley.

Confession: Available after weekday Mass or on request.

Pray For:

- + Andy O'Connor, brother of Pauline, who died recently.
- + Teresa Forde, mother of Teresa Devitt, who died recently.

May they both rest in the loving arms of the Lord.

Bible Study And Lectio Divina In Lent: An introduction to the Gospel of St. John, followed by prayerful reading of Gospel passages (Lectio Divina), led by Bishop Emeritus Leo O'Reilly, will take place each Thursday during Lent, from 7:30pm to 9:00pm. The course, which takes place in the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cullies, Cavan H12 E5C7, begins on Thurs 15 Feb and concludes on Thurs 21 March. All are welcome. For further information, please contact the Centre on 049 4375004.

Exploring the Mass - A Lenten series with Bishop Martin and Kilmore Faith

Development Team: Ever wondered about the reasons behind our actions during Mass? Curious about the true significance of it all and the origins of the Mass itself? Have you ever heard someone say, "I'm not getting much from Mass"? Maybe the real question is, "What am I contributing to Mass? Am I genuinely involved, or just an observer?"

You are warmly invited to join Bishop Martin and members of the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Development Team on a unique three-week online series to explore these questions and more with videos explaining the different parts of the Mass, interactive discussions, personal stories, and an opportunity to ask questions. The sessions will run on three Tuesday evenings: February 27th, March 5th, and March 12th. Each session will start at 7:30 pm. and last an hour and a half. Everyone is most welcome! To register, please send your name and email address to pastoralcentre@kilmorediocese.ie.

Points to Ponder

The scene in today's Gospel opens with a leper coming to Jesus, kneeling at His feet, begging Jesus to make him whole, to make him clean. Keeping your distance from those individuals with leprosy was the only safeguard there was at that time.

When the leper approaches Him, Jesus is moved with pity for the man. Jesus simply reaches out and touches the leper and immediately the leper was healed!

I wonder how long it had been since anyone had touched the leper? We all need to be touched in a caring way. It is a way of saying I care about you, I am concerned about you, you are important to me. Not only had the leper not been touched, but I imagine that people kept themselves at a distance from him. If they saw the leper coming, they might have chosen to give him a wide berth or perhaps find a different route. The pain, isolation, and perhaps shame of those with leprosy, must have been intense!

Who are the 'lepers' in our day, in our world? Who are the individuals that I (and you) may treat as a 'leper' at times by avoiding them or ignoring them? Perhaps I simply do not like them or they may be needy and desire more from me than I am willing to give. Perhaps they simply "get on my nerves".

Can you and I be more like Jesus? Are we willing to reach out and touch the individuals we typically avoid? I pray we can answer 'yes'... but only time will tell!

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Drumkeerin National School: Is now enrolling for September 2024. Enrolment application forms are available from the school. Please call 071 9648314 or email drumkeerinn@gmail.com to register your child.

Tarmon National School: Is enrolling for September 2024, please contact the school for more information on 0719648306 or email stpatstarmon@gmail.com.

Lough Allen College: Lough Allen College have been chosen as the Co. Leitrim school in the Diocese of Kilmore to support the elderly and sick on a pilgrimage to Lourdes, France. This Pilgrimage will take place this June, from Sat 1 June to Thurs 6 June. This trip will be a life learning opportunity and experience for the student; on pilgrimage they will be supporting the elderly and sick with mobility to scheduled events, making refreshments and provide entertainment if willing to show their kind personality and talents. In order to facilitate the pilgrimage the school has to raise funds so there will be church gate collections at the following Masses;

Creevelea Church - Sat 2 March at 7:00pm.

Drumkeeran Church - Sun 3 March at 11:15am.

There will also be further fundraising events, please give as much as you can to help raise funds for this worthwhile trip.

Drumkeeran Festival: A public meeting will be held in the Community Centre on Mon 12 Feb at 8:30pm to discuss the future of our festival. No committee was formed at last week's AGM so the big question is "Do we want a festival in 2024"? Please come along if you have an interest in the festival continuing.

Fundraising Table Quiz: Wynne's Bar on Fri 16 Feb at 9:30pm to raise funds for Group 164 Sligo/Leitrim branch of The Irish Pilgrimage Trust Easter Trip to Lourdes - supporting young people with additional needs. A table of 4 costs €40 to enter, all welcome.

Please see the website for further notices - www.inishmagrath.com.