

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

20th February 2022

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 Feb	8:00pm	Tarmon	Michael Wynne.
Sun 20th Feb	10:00am	Creevelea	
Sun 20th Feb	11:15am	Drumkeeran	
Mon 21st Feb	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	\
Tues 22nd Feb	10:00am	Drumkeeran	\
Wed 23rd Feb	10:00am	Creevelea	NO WEEKDAY MASSES
Thurs 24th Feb	10:00am	Drumkeeran	/
Fri 25th Feb	7:00pm	Tarmon	/
Sat 26th Feb	8:00pm	Tarmon	Peter Foley
Sun 27th Feb	10:00am	Creevelea	
Sun 27th Feb	11:15am	Drumkeeran	

There will be no weekday Masses; Mon to Fri inclusive. Fr. Paul Casey is the Priest on duty; tel: 916 4143 (Dromahaire).

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.

Points to Ponder: Some robbers came once to a hermitage and said "We've come to take everything out of your cell". The hermit said "Take whatever you see, my sons." So they took what they found in the cell, and went away. But they missed a little bag that was hidden in a corner. The hermit picked it up and ran after them, shouting, "My sons, you missed this, take it." They were amazed at his patience and restored everything, and did penance before him. They said to each other, "Truly, this is a man of God."

(Sayings of the Desert Fathers, Chapter 16, Patience, n.13)

This story from the desert fathers, set in 4th century Egypt, exemplifies a perfect, literal fidelity to the words of Jesus. We find it delightful, and it makes us smile. We smile because although we find this hermit utterly admirable, it would never occur to us to imitate him.

The purpose of reading today's Gospel is not to make us feel guilty, but to inspire us, and to re-kindle our desire for the Kingdom. We, who belong to Christ and reminded today that our deepest desire really is for that holiness to which He calls us. We are here now to express and nourish that desire by coming to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Ultimately, the reward we are promised is Christ Himself; the gift Christ makes of Himself.

Seeing your life through the lens of the Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

- + Our natural tendency when attacked is to self-protection and when we are attacked, we attack back. We respond to an angry word with another or to a blow by hitting back. Here Jesus suggests that at times there may be another way to act. What has been your experience of retaliation? Has it been life-giving? Have you experience of another way of acting?
- + When we do good to another, it can sometimes be in return for what we have received. At other times it can be done in the hope of getting something back. Or we may do it simply for the sake of doing good without any strings attached. Jesus suggests that this is when we are at our best. Recall your experience of these different ways of giving and celebrate the occasions when you gave without expectation of return.
- + Jesus proposes the generosity of God as a model for our generosity, and says that the generous will be rewarded. Perhaps you have experienced rewards, even in this life, from generous behaviour.

John Byrne OSA

Bloom 2022: Ireland's largest gardening, food and lifestyle festival in the Phoenix Park. Bus leaving from Drumkeerin on Sat 4 June at 7.20am, to book your ticket and bus contact Evelyn on 087 6626141. A day out not to be missed. Places limited, book now to avoid disappointment.

M-PACT: Moving Parents and Children Together (M-PACT) is an all-inclusive, free, family centred programme. Working to address the complex issues of parental alcohol and drug misuse and aiming to improving the outcome for all family members. Over the course of eight weeks, we encourage the family to work together and learn to better manage their problems, with this support comes improved understanding, and communication. The programme helps to build better coping strategies for all family members but especially the children and young people. M-PACT helps to raise self-esteem and helps build relationships. By supporting parents, young people and children together as a family we help to give each of them a voice and reinforce the family bonds that help to break the cycle of addiction. Open to all families where there are children aged between 8-17 years. The next M-PACT Programme starts on Tues 5 April, in Sligo.

Outdoor Circuit Training: Starting Mon 21 Feb at 8pm for 6 weeks.

All training will take place outdoors on the astro pitch in Keadue.

Booking must be made in advance as spaces are limited. To register go to <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/circuit-training-in-keadue-tickets-270867992457> or text 0877907886 for a link. Cost is €30 for 6 weeks, payable online at registration.

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