

# PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

## The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

14th September 2025

Parish Office, Drumkeeran - 964 8025 ~ Parish Administrator - Fr P Casey 916 4143

Neighbouring Priest: Fr T Mannion 964 3014

### Masses

Sat 13th Sept	7:00pm	<b>Creevelea</b>	Frances, Seamus & Ann O'Brien. Micheál Sweeney (1st Anniversary).
Sun 14th Sept	10:00am	<b>Drumkeeran</b>	John & Kathleen McHugh, Derrylustia. Philomena Fallon & Deceased Family & John & Margaret Kellegher. Michael & Beatrice Lyons, Corduff. Johnny Gallagher & Deceased of the Gallagher & McLoughlin Families.
	11:30am		St Patrick's Church, Dromahair.
Mon 15th Sept	6:00pm	<b>Drumkeeran</b>	Exposition.
Tues 16th Sept	11:00am	<b>Áras Bhríde</b>	
	7:00pm		St Brigid's Church, Killargue - Exposition followed by Mass at 8:00pm.
Wed 17th Sept	9:30am		St Patrick's Church, Dromahair.
Thur 18th Sept	10:00am	<b>Drumkeeran</b>	
	7:00pm		Mary, Mother of God Church, Newtownmanor - Exposition followed By Mass at 8:00pm.
Fri 19th Sept	8:00pm		St Patrick's Church, Dromahair.
Sat 20th Sept	7:00pm	<b>Tarmon</b>	Chris McKenna, Sheena (1st Anniversary).
Sun 21st Sept	10:00am	<b>Drumkeeran</b>	Mary & John Rogan & John Harrison, Corralustia.
	11:30am		St Patrick's Church, Dromahair.

**Confession:** Available after weekday Masses and anytime on request.

**Changes to Mass Times:** As Fr Tom has now retired from his role as Parish Priest there will be a new timetable of Masses going forwards. Fr Paul, assisted by a Priest from Manorhamilton will take over the Liturgies from this weekend. Copies of the timetable will be available on each church noticeboard, the Parish Website and our Facebook page. Baptisms may be booked for the 2nd Saturday of each month, rotating through the 3 churches, Drumkeeran, Tarmon, Creevelea.

**Parish office:** Angela will be in the office every Friday morning to book Anniversary Masses, take notices for the newsletter or you can email newsletter@inishmagrath.com. Please do not contact her at other times as she does not carry the diary with her.

**Bishop's Visit:** Bishop Martin hopes to visit the Parish in early October.

**Choir Practice for September:** Choir practice will be held on Thurs 18th and Thurs 25th at 7:30pm in Drumkeeran Church. New members always welcome.

**Diocesan Jubilee Year of Hope Novena to Our Lady of Hope:** Will take place in the Cathedral of Saints Patrick & Felim, Cavan, from Sat 27 Sept to Sun 5 Oct 2025. Novena Ceremonies with Guest Speaker each evening at 7:30pm. The theme of the novena is "Providing Hope on our Pilgrim Journey". Further information will be published in next week's parish newsletter. All welcome.

### Reflections:

**John 3:13-17**

'The cross is the school of love.' St Maximilian Kolbe teaches that suffering, when united with Christ, transforms us, deepening our capacity for love and self-giving.

'Do not seek a cross; the right one will find you. But when it comes, take it up bravely, without counting the cost.' St Padre Pio encourages trust in God's providence, accepting the trials He permits for our sanctification.

'The weight of the cross may press heavily on your shoulders, but it is the very thing that will keep you close to the heart of Christ.' An anonymous reflection highlighting that struggles, rather than driving us away from God, draw us nearer to Him.

'God does not measure the cross by its size, but by our willingness to carry it.' This insight reminds us that what matters is not the magnitude of our suffering, but the love and trust with which we accept it. Even small, daily sacrifices; borne with patience and faith can become powerful offerings when united to Christ's own sacrifice.

'The cross is the ladder to heaven.' St Rose of Viterbo's words reveal that trials, rather than obstacles, are stepping stones to holiness. When we embrace our crosses instead of resenting them, we participate in Christ's redemptive work and ascend toward eternal joy.

Each of these quotes emphasizes that carrying our cross is not meaningless suffering but a path to spiritual growth, love, and union with Christ. Whether through Scripture or the wisdom of saints, we learn that our trials, borne with faith, become means of grace and transformation.

*Deepseek.com.*

**Thought for the Day:** John 3:16 'God so loved the world...' is arguably one of the best-known and most often quoted Bible verses. This verse is so beloved because it is the core of our faith: 'God so loved the world that He gave His only Son so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish, but have eternal life.' When we meditate on this and repeat it to ourselves, we come to a deeper understanding of God's very personal and intimate love for each one of us. We should repent, confess our sins, and always strive to do better. However, we can hold tightly to Jesus's promise: He does not want to condemn us; He wants to save us.

*epriest.com/reflection*

**North Leitrim Women's Centre:** Celebrating 30 years 1995-2025 with a Ladies Luncheon in the Landmark Hotel, Carrick on Shannon on Sun 28 Sept at 1:00pm. Fashion show and prosecco reception followed by four course meal, guest speakers and prizes; cost €50. Bus available from Drumkeeran. Contact the Centre on 071 9856220 to book.

**Kilmore Diocesan PTAA:** Dinner Dance and Presentation of Pins on Sun 21 Sept preceded by Mass in St Mary's Church, Carrigallan at 2:00pm. Followed by dinner and dancing in the Kilbracken Arms at 3:00pm. Tickets €35 available from your local centre or Rosaleen Smith 087 2450692.

**Leitrim PPN:** Information on Grants, etc. on Thurs 18 Sept for all PPN groups, upstairs in Leitrim Development Company, Drumshanbo at 7:00pm. Facilitation around how groups deal with financial shortfalls and challenges. All PPN member groups welcome. Facilitated by Liam Scollan.

**Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme:** This scheme is now open and aims to encourage the cutting of roadside hedges/trees along the Public Road Network. Further information and application forms are available from Leitrim County Councils website [www.leitrim.ie](http://www.leitrim.ie) or by contacting the Roads Department by e-mail: [roads@leitrimcoco.ie](mailto:roads@leitrimcoco.ie) or Telephone 071 9620005 Ext. 630. The closing date is 30th January 2026.

**Big Bingo:** Will be held in the Landmark hotel on Sun 21 Sept at 3:00pm in aid of Save Leitrim.