

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th August 2023

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

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

Fr Loughlain Carolan 985 3012

Masses

Sat 12th Aug	8:00pm	Creevelea	Eddie Williams & John & Mary Ann. Tommy Drugan.
Sun 13th Aug	10:00am 11:15am	Drumkeeran Tarmon	Kathleen Harrison (MM). Pat & Tessie McManus & Deceased Family, Ardlougher & All buried in Curraghs Cemetery. Blessing of the Graves in Curraghs Cemetery after Mass.
Mon 14th Aug	6:00pm 7:00pm	Drumkeeran Drumkeeran	Adoration until 6:50pm. Vigil of the Assumption.
Tue 15th Aug	11:00am 7:00pm	Áras Bhríde Drumkeeran	Feast of the Assumption. Mass for the Assumption.
Wed 16th Aug	10:00am	Creevelea	
Thur 17th Aug	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 18th Aug	7:00pm	Tarmon	Brigid & Michael McTernan.
Sat 19th Aug	8:00pm	Creevelea	Tom & Kathleen Gallagher, Leonagh.
Sun 20th Aug	10:00am 11:15am	Tarmon Drumkeeran	Tom, Lucy, Jimmy, Packie & Gerry Gilbride.

Confession: Available after weekday Mass or on request.

Pray For: Margaret (Essie) McLoughlin (née Kavanagh), of Sheena, Drumkeeran, who died suddenly on Sun 6 Aug. May she rest in peace.

Curraghs Cemetery, Blessing of the Graves: Will be after the 11:15am Mass in Tarmon Church. For the cemetery collection, parishioners are asked to be as generous as possible as the committee for the cemetery is in the process of planning an extension to the existing cemetery. This will require extra finance for buying the plot of land and getting it developed. If you wish you can donate online on the "Donate" link on the Parish or Diocese websites - www.inishmagrath.com or www.kilmorediocese.ie please quote "Curraghs" in the reference. Your help is much appreciated. Again please bring Holy Water with you or a small container to collect some on the day.

Drumkeeran Cemetery Collection: The total collected was €1857.40, thank you to all who contributed.

Volunteers Wanted: We require the following help in all church areas, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Collectors. The pupils who received First Communion this year are invited to start serving at Mass.

Points to Ponder: Sometimes it's desperation that drives us to believe that we can walk on the water of our fears, between the waves of our doubts, through the breakers of our desperate reasoning. Peter, in the name of the community, frightened in that ship that has come to symbolise the Church, defies his fear. While he keeps his gaze fixed on Jesus, he does not sink, but the moment he takes his eyes off Him and focuses on his limitations he begins to drown.

And yet, thanks to his courage and his desire to attempt the impossible, he is able to live a fundamental double experience. Peter understands that, on his own, he will get nowhere, that without Jesus he will surely drown under the weight of the negative image he has of himself. Yet precisely while he is drowning, he experiences being grabbed by someone and pulled out of the waters of desperation. This is the baptismal experience that is written in the faith of each of us: without the Lord, we drown, but when we are drowning, the Lord gives us His hand that holds us tight. This is what it means to be saved in the storms of life.

This double experience of drowning and being saved is the experience that the first Christian community found itself in. In this passage we find two formulas that were probably used in the early liturgy: 'Lord, save me!' and 'Truly, you are the Son of God.' And if we are honest, our entire lives are a voyage between these two invocations, from fear of losing oneself to recognising that we have been saved.

Fr Gaetano Piccolo - catholic-link.org

National Heritage Week 2023: Guest History Lecture by George Cartwright, well-known Gaelic Games historian on "John Joe O'Reilly - Cavan's Millennium Man - One of the finest footballers to come out of St. Patrick's College, Cavan" in the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cullies, Cavan H12 E5C7 on Thurs 17 Aug 2023 at 7:30pm. All welcome and admission is free. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. This event is supported by the Heritage Office of Cavan County Council.

Drumkeeran Community Family Festival: The festival runs from Fri 18 Aug to Sun 27 Aug at various venues. Please see "Drumkeeran Festival" on Facebook or contact 0872448642 or 0863699217 for more information. A copy of the flyer is on the news tab of the parish website.

QQI Level 5 Computer Course: Starting on Mon 11 September 2023; Mohill Computer Training are now recruiting for our full-time QQI Level 5 computer programme. This course will help you to up skill, gain employment or access third level education. This is a full-time computer applications course. Register now as we only have a few places available. Call 071 9632024 or email margaret@mct.ie for more information.