

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

27th July 2025

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

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

Masses

Sat 26th Jul	7:00pm	Tarmon	Noel Flynn, Tents.
Sun 27th Jul	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Vincent & Celia O'Donnell. Peter & Gertrude Gallagher, Shiddillagh & Kate & Frank Gilhooly, Gubadarra & Sons Frank & Jim.
Blessing of the Graves at approximately 12:30pm in Kilbride Cemetery after this Mass. Please bring Holy Water with you or a small container to get some of the Holy Water provided in the cemetery.			
Mon 28th Jul	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration Hour.
	7:00pm		Mass.
	8:30pm		Choir practice.
Tues 29th Jul	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	
Wed 30th Jul	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Thur 31st Jul	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 1st Aug	7:00pm	Creevelea	
Sat 2nd Aug	7:00pm	Tarmon	Patrick & Elizabeth Smith & Deceased Family, Mullafadda.
Sun 3rd Aug	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Pierce Gilhooly & Felim & Mary Ellen McPadden & Son Stephen (5th Anniversary). Mickey Cassidy, Derrinweir & USA (2nd Anniversary). Hugh D, Mary B & Ann McHugh, Moneenatieve & Deceased of the McHugh Family. Paddy Forde & Deceased Family, Corcormick. Msgr. Eamon Lynch.
Blessing of the Graves in Drumkeeran Cemetery after this Mass. Please bring Holy Water with you or a small container to get some of the Holy Water provided in the cemetery.			

Confession: Available after weekday Masses and anytime on request.

National Grandparents Pilgrimage 2025: To Knock Shrine on Sun 27 July. It will be a celebration of World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly. Theme: "Blessed are those who have not lost hope". Chief Celebrant Archbishop Francis Duffy. Anointing of the Sick in the Basilica at 2:30pm, Mass at 3:00pm. Those unable to travel can take part online at www.knockshrine.ie/watch. See details on the church noticeboards.

Visitation: Fr Tom will be doing his rounds on Fri 1 Aug.

Pastoral Council Meeting: All members are asked to attend this meeting on Mon 28 Aug at 7:00pm in the Parochial House with Fr Paul Casey.

Drumkeeran Drama: Congratulations on an excellent staging of "God Rest his Soul" by Drumkeerin Drama Group. If you missed it, it will be getting a reprise at the Drumkeeran Festival.

Jubilee Year Mass on St Mogue's Island: Bishop Martin Hayes will celebrate a special Jubilee Year Mass on the Bank Holiday Monday, 4th August at 3:00pm. There will be a short Camino-style walk beforehand from the grounds of the former Wonderland Ballroom (H14 HH50) and the Blessing of the Graves will take place afterwards. A coffee cart will be at the shore from 12 noon and toilet facilities will be provided. Due to the expected crowd, please allow enough time to walk to the shore and be transported across by boat to the island. We would encourage people to park at the Wonderland Ballroom as parking at the boathouse will be restricted to those with reduced mobility. The Mass will be transmitted to the shore for those who would like to participate but would rather not cross over to the island. This event is being organised in conjunction with the Bawnboy Community Festival and all proceeds of the collection will go towards cancer charities and other local organisations. A warm invitation is extended to people across the diocese to this Jubilee Year of Hope event in honour of St Maedhóg, who was born on the island around the year 558 A.D.

Church Ministers for August.

Readers	Tarmon Church	-
	Drumkeeran Church	Sharon Harrison
Eucharistic Ministers	Tarmon Church	Mary McGovern, Blaithín McPartland.
	Drumkeeran Church	Margaret McPartlan, Carmel Wynne, Josephine White.
Offertory Collectors	Tarmon Church	Colette McGovern, Kathleen Flynn.
	Drumkeeran Church	Aiden McHugh, Kevin Forde, Aaron Wynne, Ann Marie Daly.

Reflections: How do you pray or what is your recipe for prayer? Do you follow a certain procedure or you spontaneously pray to God what is in your heart?

In the Gospel for this Sunday Jesus is asked by a disciple: Lord teach us to pray and Jesus obliged him and taught the disciple the perfect prayer which is the Our Father. If we try to deeply reflect on this prayer we would notice that the Our Father contains our Adoration for God, our Contrition/Repentance for the sins that we have committed and our Supplication: we request God to give us the food that we need.

If we say this prayer with our hearts and minds deeply focused towards God, we would feel something that we don't usually feel. This feeling is very hard to explain but we would certainly notice this healing experience the moment we learn how to pray the Our Father with all our being.

We must always be prayerful and we must not give up on our being prayerful. Because when we pray we connect ourselves with God, we open ourselves to the enormous blessings that are always at God's disposal when we pray.

Prayer is not asking God to give us this and that. Prayer is essentially satisfying our longing for God. And the God that we always long for will grant us the desires of our hearts because we always thirst and hunger to be with Him in prayer.

Do you have a prayer before God? Don't give up, continue to believe, have faith and you will soon have it.

Marino J. Dasmarinas

Step by Step to Feed the Next Child: Mary's Meals Walk from Enniskillen to Knock Shrine will arrive in Manorhamilton from Blacklion on Fri 8 Aug and will leave again on Sat 9 for Glencar Waterfalls and from there onto Sligo on Sun 10 Aug. Walkers will travel from 7 different locations across Ireland from the 7th August, all meeting in Knock on Fri 15 Aug. Mary's Meals is a simple solution to world hunger, feeding hungry children in their place of education in 16 of the world's poorest countries. €22 will feed a child for an entire school year. Please go to www.marysmeals.ie to learn more and support this amazing charity. Any donation, big or small, is very welcome. Thank you.