

# PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

20th July 2025

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### Masses

Sat 19th Jul	7:00pm	Tarmon	For All Parishioners.
Sun 20th Jul	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Kate & Michael Carty & Daughter Margaret, Sons Frank & Sean, Lisacoghill. Dermott Fallon. Kathleen & Joe Harrison.
Blessing of the Graves in Aughaloughy 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 21st Jul	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration Hour.
	7:00pm		Lucy & Tom, Jimmy, Packie & Gerry Gilbride, Glasdrummon Beg. Choir practice.
	8:30pm		
<b>NO MASSES - Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri.</b>			
Sat 26th Jul	7:00pm	Tarmon	Noel Flynn, Tents.
Sun 27th Jul	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Vincent & Celia O'Donnell. Peter & Gertrude Gallagher, Shividillagh & 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.			

**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](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch). See details on the church noticeboards.

**Kilmore Diocesan Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage:** To Knock on Sat 9 August on the Feast of St. Felim. Mass at 3:00pm, celebrant Bishop Martin Hayes. Anointing of the sick during the Mass. Stations of the Cross and Rosary outdoors at 2:00pm. All welcome.

**Grandparents and Elderly:** Join the Catholic Grandparents Association at Knock Shrine on Sun 27 July at 2:30pm. Celebrate the national grandparents pilgrimage and the world day for grandparents and the elderly. A day of grace, blessing and prayer for families, our church, and our future. All are welcome, bring your family - bring hope and joy.

Celebrant; Archbishop Francis Duffy, music; Una Nolan and choirs and guest soloist; Dana.

**Pray For:** P J McPadden, Sligo and Ballinamore whose funeral took place in Drumkeeran on Sat 19 July. May his soul rest in peace.

**RSS Scheme:** The local scheme needs more help. IF you have a herd number or a family herd number and are getting social welfare payments you can qualify to work on the scheme. Please let Fr Tom know and he will put you in touch with the supervisor Brian McGloin.

### Points to Ponder:

Most people on hearing that Gospel feel some sympathy for Martha. There she is working hard in the service of Jesus and Jesus declares that Mary has chosen the better part. 'Poor old Martha' would be a fairly common response. Jesus is clearly not opposed in principle to people working hard in His service, in the service of others. The immediately preceding passage in Luke's gospel is the parable of the Good Samaritan. The Samaritan was very active on behalf of the injured man by the roadside; Jesus points to him as someone who exemplifies His own compassionate love. Yet, as the book of Ecclesiastes says, 'there is a time for every matter under heaven'. Apparently, Jesus understood that His visit to the home of the two sisters was a time for them to refrain from activity so as to listen to His word. Jesus had something to say and He wanted them to listen. It was Mary who recognized that this was the kind of hospitality Jesus wanted on this occasion, the hospitality of listening rather than the hospitality of activity. Mary was more attuned to what the Lord really wanted than Martha was. Yes, the Lord wants us to work on His behalf, but He also wants us to listen to Him. Wisdom consists in knowing when it is time to be active and busy in the Lord's service and when it is time simply to sit and listen to His word.

*Fr Martin Hogan curate in the parish of Finglas, Finglas West and Rivermount.*

### Thought for the Day:

Do we ever labour at serving  
Till voices grow fretful and shrill,  
Forgetting how to be loving,  
Forgetting how to be still?  
Do we strive for 'things' in possession,  
And toil for the perishing meat,  
Neglecting the one thing needful –  
Sitting at Jesus' feet?

Service is good when He asks it,  
Labour is right in its place,  
But there is one thing better,  
Looking up in His face;  
There is so much He can tell us,  
Truths that are precious and deep;  
This is the place where He wants us,  
These are the things we can keep.

*Annie Johnson Flint from her poem 'Martha and Mary'*

**North Leitrim Women's Centre:** Celebrating 30 years of working with and supporting local women. We would like to invite all past Board/Committee and Staff to join us for an evening of memories, chat and cake. Tues 22 July from 5:30pm until 7:30pm in The Bee Park Centre, Manorhamilton. Refreshments served.

**Drama:** A reminder that seats for the staging of "God Rest his Soul" by Drumkeerin Drama Group must be booked this year. Tickets are still available for the 8:00pm Sunday night performance. Please book your seat by calling, messaging on WhatsApp 0872448642.

**Committee for Kilbride Church and Graveyard:** Are pleased to announce our successful application into the national Adopt A Monument programme supported by the Heritage Council. We are the first participant in Leitrim to join the scheme along with seven other new entrants this year. We look forward to working with Abarta Heritage as they guide us through the sequences of research, funding applications and professional advisors to preserve and future proof the church building and graveyard.

We also have been nominated for Return to Nature initiative by Fr Tom McManus and will work with the diocese and Leitrim County Council's Biodiversity Officer on this project. Our focus in the meantime has been to maintain the church and graveyard as well we can under current restrictions. We would like to thank all those who have worked on this maintenance, our past TUS workers and current volunteers who keep the graveyard looking so well. Further updates on works and costs incurred will be available online via the GoFundMe page and Kilbride Church and Graveyard Facebook page. Thank you for all your support to date. <https://www.heritagecouncil.ie/news/news-features/meet-the-eight-communities-who-have-adopted-their-local-monuments>.