

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th August 2025

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

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

Masses

Sat 16th Aug	8:00pm	Killargue	Vigil Mass.
Sun 17th Aug	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Hugh & Annie McPartland & Stephen McPartland & Deceased Family. Paddy Travers & Deceased Family.
Mon 18th Aug	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration.
	7:00pm		Mass.
Tues 19th Aug	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	
Wed 20th Aug	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Thur 21st Aug	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 22nd Aug	7:00pm	Creevelea	
Sat 23rd Aug	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sun 24th Aug	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Special Intention for Fr Tom as he celebrates the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination.

Confession: Available after weekday Masses and anytime on request.

Cemetery Sundays: Drumkeeran Cemetery Sunday Collection amounted to €2527.00, the offertory for that Sunday was a total of €1624.40. The Curragh's Cemetery Sunday collection amounted to €1586.00. Thanks to all who contributed financially and to those who helped prepare the cemeteries and who helped on each day.

Knockninny Parish: Are holding a Walk of Hope on Sat 6 Sept, starting at 7:00pm with prayers at St Ninnidh's Well; followed by a walk to Aughakillymaude Community Centre for open-air Mass at 7:30pm. Refreshments will be available after Mass. All welcome.

Why Sunday Matters: On the 31st August a pastoral resource from the Irish Bishop will be launched. Called "Why Sunday Matters", it will invite all Catholics to reflect on the immense significance of Sunday Mass and encourage those who do not attend to return. Copies will be available throughout September.

Kilmore Diocese Autumn Programme: We are delighted to share two exciting events coming up this September: Leadership/Facilitation Skills on Sat 13 Sept at the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cavan. A full day with Jim Deeds, offering practical tips, ideas, and encouragement to build your skills and confidence. Suitable for anyone currently involved in parish life.

Diocesan Youth Day on Sat 27 Sept at the Pastoral Centre, Cullies, Cavan. To celebrate the Jubilee year of Hope, we are hosting a youth day for ages 13–18. This promises to be a fun-filled day of friendship, activities, faith and inspiration run by NET Ministries. Booking will be essential for both events; Email: Martina Gilmartin at pastoralservices@kilmorediocese.ie.

More details to follow in the coming weeks – save the dates!

Drumkeeran NS Job Vacancy: The National school is looking for a cleaner if you are interested, please contact the school via the email, drumkeerins@gmail.com.

Reflections:

The Christian must not be lukewarm. The Book of Revelation tells us that this is the greatest danger for a Christian: not that he or she may say 'no,' but that they may say a very lukewarm 'yes.' Lukewarmness is, as the late Pope Benedict emphasised, what discredits Christianity most. Therefore, it is one of the biggest problems facing the Catholic Church as a whole and therefore every Catholic diocese and every Catholic parish including our own. We need to confront it straight on.

The greatest way of all God has established to inflame us is at Mass. Whoever draws near Christ draws near the fire, Origen said in the third century. If that's true, then all the more Christ says to us, 'Whoever receives me, receives the fire.' Whenever we receive Jesus in Holy Communion, we ingest the Fire. Christ has come to ignite that fire and how He wants each of us to become truly enkindled! St Catherine of Siena used to say in the 1300's, 'If you are what you should be, you will set the world ablaze!'

Mass is the place where Christ helps us to become who we should be. As we prepare to receive Him today, we beg the great cloud of witnesses surrounding us now to pray for us that we may be enveloped by fire, always burn with love to the glory of God, and bring that flame of faith out to warm others hearts and fill our parish and the whole world with the fire of God's amazing love.

Fr Roger J. Landry, catholicpreaching.com

Thought for the Day: At every Holy Eucharist we ask the Lord to send down His fire into our hearts, into our lives; so that we truly become ablaze with His love. When St Teresa of Avila travelled about Spain founding monasteries, she took with her an uneducated lay sister called Anne of St Bartholomew. Sometime after Teresa's death, when she was a Prioress, she was subsequently asked not only to found new monasteries herself, but to do so in foreign countries. She complained to God in prayer; "Lord can you ask all this of me? I am nothing but straw!" and He replied; "Ah, but it is with straws like this that I light my fire".

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Drumkeerin Family Festival: Will run from Sat 16 to Sun 24 Aug, join us for a week of fun and community spirit at the Drumkeerin Family Festival! Full programme available at facebook.com/drumkeerinfestival.

Packie McPartlan Memorial Walk/Run: The McPartlan family wish to thank everyone who supported their Memorial Walk/Run in memory of Packie, those who participated, made donations, baked and brought food, help serve the food, the Rowantree Committee for the use of the Community Centre, the stewards, the media for promoting the event and of course Drumkeerin Family Festival who sponsored all expenditure and help run the event on the day. This year's beneficiary was Drumkeerin Tidy Towns who are doing great work around the town. On Sun 3 Aug, the McPartlan family presented a cheque for €2545 to Drumkeerin Tidy Towns, the proceeds from the event.

Community Addiction Studies Course: QQI Level 5 Accredited Certificate Course. Beginning Sept 2025 in The Hive, Carrick-on-Shannon. This free course provides excellent insights into drug and alcohol addiction, and equips you with essential tools to recognise and respond to the challenges of substance abuse. Run in conjunction with NW Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force, ETB and HSE. To register for this free course please: e-mail, christinamceleney@dletb.ie or phone, 087-9369312.

North Leitrim Women's Centre: Celebrating 30 years we are hosting a Ladies Luncheon at The Landmark Hotel in Carrick on Shannon on Sun 28 Sept at 1:00pm, see the posters on the noticeboards.