

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7th September 2025

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

Neighbouring Priest: Fr T Mannion 964 3014

Masses

Sat 6th Sept	7:00pm	Tarmon	Michael & Mary Rynn & Deceased Family.
Sun 7th Sept	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Pauline O'Connor (1st Anniversary). Des White. PJ & Essie McLoughlin, Sheena. Michael Flanagan, Ballyfarnon (1st Anniversary) & Parents Mary Ann & John Flanagan, Shass, Dowra. Adoration. Mass - Tom & Mary Dowd. NO MASS.
Mon 8th Sept	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	
	7:00pm		
Tues 9th Sept	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	
Wed 10th Sept	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Thur 11th Sept	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 12th Sept	7:00pm	Creevelea	NO MASS.
Sat 13th Sept	7:00pm	Creevelea	Frances, Seamus & Ann O'Brien. Micheál Sweeney (1st Anniversary). John & Kathleen McHugh, Derrylustia. Philomena Fallon & Deceased Family & John & Margaret Kellegher. Michael & Beatrice Lyons, Corduff.
Sun 14th Sept	10:00am	Drumkeeran	

Confession: Available after weekday Masses and anytime on request.

Changes to Mass Times: As Fr Tom retires 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 next weekend. Copies of the timetable will be available on each church noticeboard, the Parish Website and our Facebook page. We welcome the change to come together as a whole community and explore the chances for opportunities to grow in our faith and love.

Angela will still be in the office every Friday morning to book Masses, etc. Please watch out for the date of Fr Tom's retirement Mass.

Welcome: The Christian Community welcomes Callum James Gavin Quill, son of Gavin and Niamh, who was baptised in St Brigid's Church, Drumkeerin on Sat 30 Aug 2025. May God's love encircle him throughout a long and happy life.

Harvest Thanksgiving: You are invited to The Church of Ireland, Sheena for a Thanksgiving service on Sun 7 Sept at 3:00pm.

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.

Monastic Vocations Weekend: Do You Feel Called to Seek God in Prayer & Contemplation, Monastic Work, And Community Life? The Cistercian community at St Mary's Abbey, Glencairn invites single women aged 19-40 to our upcoming Monastic Vocations Weekend on 24th - 27th October 2025. Please contact our Vocation Director, Sr Mairéad, at vocations@glencairnabbey.org. Visit www.glencairnabbey.org for more details.

Reflections:

Luke 14:25-33
No room for compromise. What does Christianity have to offer that's worth giving up everything else for, including one's own life? More than we can fathom! Jesus offered His disciples a priceless treasure – true happiness, peace, and joy unending with the everlasting Father in His heavenly kingdom. And what does it cost to be a disciple of so generous a Lord who wishes to share everything He has with His beloved disciples? Jesus was utterly honest and spared no words to tell His disciples that it would cost them dearly to follow after Him. To gain all, one must be willing to give all. There can be no room for compromise or concession with God. We either give our lives over to Him completely or we keep them for ourselves. Paul the Apostle says, 'We are not our own. We were bought with a price' (1 Cor. 6:19b,20). That price is the blood of Jesus shed for us on the cross. Is your life given over to God? Count the cost. Why does Jesus say we must 'hate' our families and even ourselves? The expression 'to hate' often meant to 'prefer less'. Jesus used strong language to make clear that nothing should take precedence or first place in our lives over God. Jesus knew that the way of the cross was the Father's way to glory and victory over sin and death. He counted the cost and said 'yes' to His Father's will. We, too, must 'count the cost' and be ready to follow Jesus in the way of the cross if we want to share in His glory and victory. What is the 'way of the cross' for you and for me?

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Thought for the Day: Nature can be awe-inspiring, even to the point of being almost incomprehensible. The richness of a sunset, the twinkle of stars and the diversity of animals all witness to a creator and designer. Seeing God's creation can invite us into a deeper admiration for God and His handiwork. In nature, surrounded by His creation, we may feel closer to Him. The beauty of creation is a reminder of God. When we respect any part of God's creation, be it nature or another human being, we are seeing value in what God created and admiring the creator.

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Music lessons: In tin whistle and flute recommencing in Drumkeerin Community Centre on Thurs 11 Sept with Tutor, Caitríona Horan. The course is suitable for age 7 and upwards. For enquiries please call Tina on 086 160 8378.

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 Drumkeerin. Contact the Centre on 071 9856220 to book.

Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme: This scheme is now open and aims to encourage the cutting of roadside hedges/trees along the Public Road Network. Open to individual applicants, communities and groups. The Grant is €75 per km (with a min of 1km per applicant). An additional Grant of €50 per 10 trees per km has been introduced to encourage the cutting of dangerous overhanging tree canopies/branches along the public road network (This would be a maximum of €125 per km). Further information and application forms are available from Leitrim County Councils website www.leitrim.ie or by contacting the Roads Department by e-mail: roads@leitrimcoco.ie or Telephone 071 9620005 Ext. 630. The closing date is 30th January 2026.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month: Takes place in October 1st-31st. For further information, please log onto www.breastcancerireland.com.