

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

15th October 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 14th Sept	7:00pm	Tarmon	James & Kathleen Flynn & Deceased Family.
Sun 15th Oct	10:00am	Creevelea	For All Parishioners.
	11:15am	Drumkeeran	P.J. McLoughlin, Sheena & wife, Essie.
Mon 16th Oct	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration until 6:50pm.
	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	James & Catherine McPartland & sons Jim, John, Stephen & Deceased Family.
Tue 17th Oct	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	
Wed 18th Oct	10:00am	Creevelea	
Thur 19th Oct	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 20th Oct	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sat 21st Oct	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sun 22nd Oct	10:00am	Creevelea	
	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Peter & Kathleen Loughlin, Sheena. Charles P Ford, Liskellew & Deceased of the Ford & Cullen Families. Margaret McPartland.

Confession: Available after weekday Mass or on request.

Parish Finance Committee: Following the meeting the matters discussed were as follows:

- Bank Statement for each Church.
- Drumkeeran Church - debris from ceiling in the hallway and Council work at the entrance.
- Creevelea Church - Painting of the wall and Financial help from the Wind farm Grants.
- Tarmon Church - Currags cemetery extension, Abbey restoration and a new bank account for the same and painting of the doors and window frames.
- Audit of Health and Safety issues for each Church property.
- Wildflower garden for biodiversity.
- Help financially to get a new crib for the town.

John McKenna Calendar 2024: Committee are looking for photographs for 2024 Calendar. If you would like some included, email to: info@johnmckenna.ie or forward to any member of the Committee.

Bible Study Course: Bishop-Emeritus Leo O'Reilly will deliver a six-week course on "Understanding the Gospel of St. Mark" in the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cullies, Cavan H12 E5C7 on Thursday evenings from 7:30pm to 9:00pm beginning on Thurs 26 Oct. Each evening will conclude with Lectio Divina, a meditative way of reading the Scriptures in which we let go of our own agendas and open ourselves to what God is trying to say to us through His Word. All welcome. A voluntary contribution each evening would be appreciated. For further information, please contact the centre on 049 4375004 (Ext. 102) or by email to pastoralcentre@kilmorediocese.ie.

St Muredach's Cathedral Choir: Are performing Handel's 'Messiah' under the direction of Regina Deacy in St Muredach's Cathedral, Ballina on Sat 11 Nov at 8:00pm. The Cathedral choir will be joined for this choral masterpiece by members of Westport-based choir 'Cór Mhaigh Eo', along with a professional chamber orchestra and soloists. This performance is also part of Ballina 2023 celebrations. Tickets are €27.50 and are available at www.ballinaparish.org or www.ballina2023.ie or from the Parish Office on 096 70555. All proceeds go to the restoration of the stained-glass windows in St Muredach's Cathedral.

Thought for the Day:

Matthew 22:1-14

The Christian faith is something of far more worth than I could have possibly imagined. I had lived something very remote from the faith I now try to hold to, and it is challenging, productive and filled with hope. The word "love" applies to it in every way: from us to God, from God to us, and from all creation to God, and from God to all creation. None of that was present to me, nor to the many generations that came and went before ours. We have moved very far indeed from those dark beliefs into a bright and beautiful light. And with it we must bring along all the creatures that are part of our care for our common home.

Song of the Goldfinch: A Memoir by John F Deane.

Leitrim County Council: A Mass for deceased members and staff of LCoCo will be held in St Mary's Church, Carrick on Shannon on Mon 6 Nov at 8:00pm.

Junction Safety Improvements: Road works have begun at the Lough Allen College - St Brigid's Church junction and will include significant changes to the whole junction to improve safety for all road users. Please be mindful of the road works when planning your journeys over the coming weeks and bear with the Council operatives as they carry out the improvements. For more information please see the Parish Website at www.inishmagrath.com.

Be Safe, Be Seen: As we move into the darker mornings and nights of winter-time we would like to remind all road users to make themselves clearly visible to other road users. If you're walking on the roads please remember to wear high-vis garments so that you can be seen. Vehicle users - put your lights on and slow down as you drive to protect yourself, animals and pedestrians.

"God's Angels guard and keep you all the way that you must travel till earth's days are past, when blossoms fade and time is fleeting fast. In times of purest joy or pain and fear, God's Angels guard and keep you safe. Amen."