

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Fifth Sunday of Easter

28th April 2024

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

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

Fr Loughlain Carolan 985 3012

Masses

Sat 27th Apr	3:00pm	Drumkeeran	Confirmation Mass with Bishop Martin. No Vigil Mass in Tarmon this evening - Killargue Vigil Mass at 8:00pm.
Sun 28th Apr	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Michael & Theresa Fee & Deceased of the Fee Family, Moneenatieve. Bernie Hanly (MM). Michael Rogan Snr. Letter (MM & Mass as burial took place at Easter).
Mon 29th Apr	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration.
Sat 4th May	7:00pm	Tarmon	Michael, Brigid & Christopher Gilhooly.
Sun 5th May	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Michael & Bridget Lavin, Sheena.

Congratulations: To Damien McPadden and Charlotte McLoughlin who were married in St Brigid's Church, Drumkeeran on Fri 19 April by Fr Patsy McDermott. May they have a long and happily married life together.

DVSS collection: It's not too late to contribute to the Diocesan Vocations & Support Services collection; you will have the envelope in your box of envelopes. The Parish is levied at 15% of the Offertory Collection for 2023. This money is used to pay for the Accord Marriage Preparation Courses and Counselling, Vocations to the Priesthood, Diocesan Pastoral and Administrative costs. Please help in this appeal, thank you to all who have already contributed.

2024 Kilmore Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Fly out on Thurs 30 May for 7 Nights, flights from Dublin. For enquiries and bookings, please contact Cavan Travel, 15 Main Street Cavan. Tel. 049 4361222 or email info@cavantravel.com.

Annual All Ireland Rosary Rally: Is scheduled to take place at Knock Shrine on Sat 1 June. It is an occasion to celebrate with families and friends our belief in the power of prayer. Father Patrick Peyton, the Rosary Priest, a native of Attymass inspired this annual event. His call was for families to be bound together in love through family prayer with the phrase 'The Family that Prays Together Stays Together'. The power of prayer can connect us and bring peace in our troubled times. 'A world at Prayer is a world at peace'.

Thought for the Day: **Trees** - I think that I shall never see a poem lovely as a tree.
A tree whose hungry mouth is prest against the earth's sweet
flowing breast;
A tree that looks at God all day, and lifts her leafy arms to pray;
A tree that may in Summer wear a nest of robins in her hair;
Upon whose bosom snow has lain; who intimately lives with rain.
Poems are made by fools like me, but only God can make a tree.

Joyce Kilmer.

Points to Ponder: I have two plants that live in my office. One of them is better than twenty years old. The other is only a few years old. If I do not pay attention to them, they do something that makes them look sad. They droop! They almost look as if they are going to cry.

I think it is fair to say that like our plants we wither from time to time. I am speaking of course about our walk with the Lord. Most people who identify themselves as Christians have very pronounced highs and lows in their journey of faith.

Generally speaking it is because we allow our relationship with Jesus to grow old, or like our plants, we forget to get the kind of nutrition that we need to stay fresh and vital. There are so many people who go to church, sign up for boards or committees, get excited for a week or two, and then everything gets old. For others it takes longer; maybe a couple of months, maybe a year, two years, or maybe even five years.

Like drooping plants our relationship with Christ that was once so vibrant, fresh and exciting becomes slow, stale, and boring... dry!

The fruit that God desired from Israel was for the people to be more loving, to show obedience to God, and to practice righteousness and justice in how they conducted their lives. When we take that idea and transport it through Jesus, through the disciples, and finally into all of us we begin to see how important it is for us to stay connected to Jesus who is the source of our Christian life.

John W Clarke.

The Poor Clares in Galway: Are hosting an online Q&A for young women who would like to know more about the Poor Clare way of life. The event will take place from 7:00pm to 8:30pm on Wed 1 May. For more information contact; vocations@poorclares.ie.

Drumkeeran NS: We are holding a "Cash for Clobber" event on Thurs 16 May to raise much needed funds for the school. So now is the time to clear out those presses and bring in all your old clean clothes, matched pairs of shoes, etc. Black bags can be left at school ready for collection; please do not send in duvets or pillows as the company collecting them are unable to take them. Also please make sure all items are clean and dry.

Lough Allen College Lourdes Pilgrimage: Students travelling to Lourdes in June would like to thank the local community for their donations and support. A Music Concert will take place in the school on Fri 3 May at 8:00pm sharp. This will be a free event to say thank you to the local community. The Balaclava Trad group will play a set along with other local musicians and the BIG raffle draw will take place in the intermission. All very welcome!

Monaghan Institute: Our open evening is taking place on Thurs 9 May from 4:00pm until 7:00pm. Meet our staff team and learn more about studying with us in September 2024. Browse courses and apply now at www.monaghaninstitute.ie.

Sets Cielí: With Innisfree Cielí Band in Drumkeeran Community Centre on Sun 9 June at 3:00pm. www.johnmckenna.ie. All welcome.