

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

First Sunday in Lent

18th February 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 17th Feb	7:00pm	Creevelea	
Sun 18th Feb	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Peter Foley.
Mon 19th Feb	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration.
	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	Mass.
Tues 20th Feb	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	No Mass.
Wed 21st Feb	10:00am	Creevelea	Thomas & Margareth Fallon, Greaghmagh.
Thurs 22nd Feb	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 23rd Feb	7:00pm	Tarmon	Eileen & Thomas McKenna.
Sat 24th Feb	7:00pm	Creevelea	
Sun 25th Feb	11:15am	Drumkeeran	

Confession: Available after weekday Mass or on request.

Choir Practice: Will be held on Mon 19 Feb at 8:00pm in Drumkeeran Church. New members always welcome.

Care of Creation: Bishop Martin has asked parishes to set aside 30% of parish land for Biodiversity. This means growing a diverse species of plants to encourage a diversity of species of animals to inhabit that area. This will be to our benefit; at the moment the native Irish bee is struggling to exist, so if you have an interest in gardening or landscaping or horticulture please give your name to Fr. Tom.

Exploring the Mass - A Lenten series with Bishop Martin and Kilmore Faith

Development Team: Ever wondered about the reasons behind our actions during Mass? Curious about the true significance of it all and the origins of the Mass itself? Have you ever heard someone say, "I'm not getting much from Mass"? Maybe the real question is, "What am I contributing to Mass? Am I genuinely involved, or just an observer?"

You are warmly invited to join Bishop Martin and members of the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Development Team on a unique three-week online series to explore these questions and more with videos explaining the different parts of the Mass, interactive discussions, personal stories, and an opportunity to ask questions. The sessions will run on three Tuesday evenings: February 27th, March 5th, and March 12th. Each session will start at 7:30 pm and last an hour and a half. Everyone is most welcome! To register, please send your name and email address to pastoralcentre@kilmorediocese.ie.

Bible Study And Lectio Divina In Lent: An introduction to the Gospel of St. John, followed by prayerful reading of Gospel passages (Lectio Divina), led by Bishop Emeritus Leo O'Reilly, continues each Thursday during Lent, from 7:30pm to 9:00pm. The course, which takes place in the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cullies, Cavan H12 E5C7, will conclude on 21st March. All are welcome. A voluntary donation each night would be appreciated. For further information, please contact the Centre on 049 4375004.

Thought for the Day

Mark 1:12-15

We need to rethink among other things the question of human power, its meaning and its limits. For our power has increased frenetically in a few decades. We have made impressive and awesome technological advances, and we have not realised that at the same time we have turned into highly dangerous beings, capable of threatening the lives of many beings and our own survival. Today it is worth repeating the iconic comment of Solovyov about an "age which was so advanced as to be actually the last one". We need lucidity and honesty in order to recognise in time that our power and the progress we are producing are turning against us.

Laudate Deum 28, Pope Francis

ALONE Volunteers Needed: Would you be willing to provide companionship visit or make friendly calls to Older People once a week for an hour or two? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested please sign up here:

<https://alone.ie/volunteers/>.

Lough Allen College: Lough Allen College have been chosen as the Co. Leitrim school in the Diocese of Kilmore to support the elderly and sick on a pilgrimage to Lourdes, France. This Pilgrimage will take place this June, from Sat 1 June to Thurs 6 June. This trip will be a life learning opportunity and experience for the student; on pilgrimage they will be supporting the elderly and sick with mobility to scheduled events, making refreshments and provide entertainment if willing to show their kind personality and talents. In order to facilitate the pilgrimage the school has to raise funds so there will be church gate collections at the following Masses; Creevelea Church - Sat 2 March at 7:00pm.

Drumkeeran Church - Sun 3 March at 11:15am.

There will also be further fundraising events, please give as much as you can to help raise funds for this worthwhile trip.

Family Carers Ireland: Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit www.familycarers.ie.

Attention Community and Voluntary Groups and potential volunteers: To celebrate Leitrim having the best and the most volunteers in the country per capita, Leitrim Volunteer Centre will be at Sexton Hall in Manorhamilton on Thurs 22 Feb from 7:30pm to 9:30pm to discuss all things volunteering. To celebrate, one lucky attendee will receive a €100 one for all voucher. Make sure you sign the sign in sheet at the event to be eligible for the draw. Light refreshments will be served; we look forward to meeting you.

Drumkeerin National School: Is now enrolling for September 2024. Enrolment application forms are available from the school. Please call 071 9648314 or email drumkeerinns@gmail.com to register your child.

Gaelscoil Chluainín, Manorhamilton: Will hold an Open Night on Mon 19 Feb from 7:00 to 9:00pm. Teachers will be at the Gaelscoil to welcome anyone who is thinking of enrolling a child/children in the school. The Gaelscoil is located on Castle St, Manorhamilton. Eircode F91PP62. Telephone 071 985 6046 or 083 021 7257 for more information. Fáilte mhó roimh gach duine!