

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Palm (Passion) Sunday

24th March 2024

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

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

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Masses

Sat 23rd Mar	7:00pm	Creevelea	Vigil of the Passion, please bring palm with you to be blessed.
Sun 24th Mar	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Palm Sunday, please bring palm with you to be blessed. Agnes & Peter McGoldrick, Lavagh & Deceased of the Smith & Donoghue Families.
Mon 25th Mar	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration.
	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	Mass. Hannah Boylan.
Tues 26th Mar	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	
Wed 27th Mar	10:00am	Creevelea	
Thurs 28th Mar	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper.
Fri 29th Mar	3:00pm	Drumkeeran	Good Friday - The Lord's Passion.
Sat 30th Mar	8:00pm	Drumkeeran	Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass.
Sun 31st Mar	10:00am	Creevelea	Easter Sunday. Seamus Horan.

Confession: Available after weekday Mass or on request.

Visitation: Fr Tom will be doing his rounds for Easter and April on Wed 27 Mar.

Pray for:

- + Paul McPadden, Drumshanbo and Selton, Drumkeeran whose funeral took place on Fri 22 March. May he rest in peace.
- + Bernie Hanly (née Walsh), Cornacloy, Drumkeerin, Co. Leitrim and formerly of Bonmahon, Co. Waterford, suddenly, at her residence. Bernie died on Thurs 21 Mar, her funeral took place on Sun 24 Mar. May her gentle soul rest in peace in the loving arms of the Lord.

St Patrick's Day Collection: "Some give by going, others go by giving". Thanks for your generosity to the St Patrick's Day Collection we raised €798.40. If you would still like to contribute, please bring in the special envelope from your box of envelopes or put your contribution in any envelope and label it.

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.

Points to Ponder

Many years ago a famous artist wanted to paint a picture of Jesus as a young man. He searched around for a model and eventually found a very handsome young man. Years later the same artist wanted to paint the Last Supper, but had difficulty in finding a model for Judas. Eventually he did; someone with an evil looking face which put fear into people who looked at it. You can imagine the artist's surprise when he discovered that it was the same man he had chosen as his models for Jesus and Judas. Between the first painting of Jesus and the second one of Judas at the Last Supper the young man had got into bad company and had committed many crimes. This was reflected in his face. From a young man with much potential he had become an evil person and failed to reach his capacity for greatness. Each one of us had this capacity, that for greatness and that for evil. In today's Gospel story in Mark, Jesus says or does very little. It is the various actors in the drama who decide for themselves what their relation to Jesus will be. They either accept or reject Jesus. It is the same for us. We decide by our way of life whether we want to be for Jesus and accept His way or we turn away and go our own way. We choose. It is up to us and God will not force us. Today's Gospel is another offer from God to us. Will we choose Jesus or not?

Fr Jim Kirstein SMA.

Thought for the Day:

Our Master lies asleep and is at rest; His heart has ceased to bleed, His eye to weep: The sun ashamed has dropt down in the west: Our Master lies asleep.
Now we are they who weep, and trembling keep Vigil, with wrung heart in a sighing breast, While slow time creeps, and slow the shadows creep.
Renew Thy youth, as eagle from the nest; O Master, what hast sown, arise to reap: - No cock-crow yet, no flush on eastern crest: Our Master lies asleep.

Christina Rossetti, Mary Magdalene and the Other Mary; A song for all Maries.

Drumkeeran National School Parents Association: We are holding a "bake sale" on Good Friday, 29th March, starting after the 3:00pm, Good Friday Liturgy. The bake sale will be held in the old Courthouse Youth Club building. Pop along and grab yourself some baked treats. There will also be a raffle and teas and coffees available. All welcome!

Table Quiz: A table quiz will be held in Davitt's, Drumkeeran on Good Friday 29 March at 9:00pm in aid of Drumkeerin Day Care Services; so get your teams arranged for what should be a good nights fun for all the family. If anyone wishes to give a donation or spot prize, contact Teresa Devitt.

You don't have to be addicted to suffer from addiction! M-PACT supports the whole family, helping to improve relationships, communication and recovery. A free, eight-week programme will begin on Tues 9 April. If you are interested or if you would like further information; contact 0719150578/085 875 9319 or email sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com.

QQI Level 5 Computer Course - Starting September 2024: Mohill Computer Training are now recruiting for our full-time QQI Level 5 computer programme. This course will help you to up skill, gain employment or access third level education with 390 CAO points on offer. The course covers Office 365 Applications, Sage Payroll & Bookkeeping, Digital Marketing, CV Preparation and Interview Skills. Register now as places are limited. Call 071 9632024 or email margaret@mct.ie for more information.