

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Fourth Sunday of Easter

21st 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

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| Sat 20th Apr | 7:00pm | Tarmon | Michael, James, Kathleen & Fr Raymond O'Rourke. |
| Sun 21st Apr | 11:15am | Drumkeeran | Thomas & Molly O'Rourke, Cloonmone. Bernie Glynn. |
| Mon 22nd Apr | 6:00pm | Drumkeeran | Adoration. |
| Fri 26th Apr | 7:30pm | Drumkeeran | Confirmation Families & Sponsors - with practice afterwards. |
| 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.). |

DVSS collection: The Diocesan Vocations & Support Services collection is due this weekend and 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.

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.

Thought for the Day: 'God doesn't call the qualified, but He qualifies the called.' God knows us and He calls us by name. As we are looking at different saints or clergy to learn from them, others look at us and learn from us. And as our struggles become real even as others turn to us for guidance, we also have a shepherd to turn to for help. Most of us sometimes forget this, but we are leaders in our own way. The church of tomorrow depends on how we set the foundation for the church of today. There will be crisis and there will be need, but there will always be good people standing behind us.

Teresa Tu Tran - the torchproject.com

Prayer for Favourable Weather

God our Father, we turn to you, the source of all goodness and grace. We come before you with humble hearts, seeking your divine intervention in the rhythm of the seasons.

Bless us with the favourable weather which we so badly need at this time, especially for our farming community and all others whose livelihoods depend on it.

Grant them strength and perseverance in their work. In their labour may they find solace and fulfilment, knowing that their efforts contribute to the well-being of our communities.

Bless them with resilience in the face of challenges and grant them moments of peace amidst the storms of life. Help us, as faith communities, to support and uplift them, recognising the vital role they play in sustaining life.

Guide us, Lord, to be mindful stewards of the earth and compassionate neighbours to those who cultivate it. May your loving presence be a beacon of hope and strength for all.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

(courtesy of Bishop Ger, Diocese of Ferns).

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.

Senior Line: Would like someone to talk to? Ireland's national telephone service for older people is open every day of the year from 10:00am until 10:00pm. Freephone 1800 80 45 91. Callers may feel isolated, alone, wish to discuss a problem in confidence, or for company during their day. Senior Line's older volunteers are trained to listen, to support, to discuss options and to refer caller to other helpful services if necessary. So don't be alone if sharing a problem would help.

Anam Cara Mayo: The organisation that supports bereaved parents will meet on Tues 23 April at 7:15pm in the T F Royal Hotel, Castlebar, Co. Mayo. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We now also offer an online support service too. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

Open Day: The Further Education and Training Centre, Hilly Road, Drumshanbo, Co. Leitrim N41 C6X6 is hosting an open day on Thurs 25 April from 11:00am until 2:00pm. Find out about our QQI Level 5 Adult Education Courses in Business Administration, Health Nutrition and Food Science, Tourism with Business and Traditional Irish Music. Refreshments provided on the day. Feel free to pop in for a friendly chat and a cuppa – it might just change your life! For more information, please check out our Facebook page, VTOSLeitrim, or call Sean Bailey on 086-0624200.

Postgraduate and Mission & Ministries Programmes: At St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth. Programme applications close from 30th June to 30th August for different programmes. Visit www.sppu.ie/courses for more information.

Burren Outdoor Retreat, Co Clare: Sat 4th to Mon 6th May. Would you like to come on a guided journey through the Burren with its limestone pavements, rare flora and ancient sacred sites? Let the beauty of the amazing Burren landscape renew you in body and soul. Information: Mary 087 970 1130. Booking: Noirin 087 447 9115.