

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Second Sunday of Easter

27th April 2025

Divine Mercy Sunday

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

Neighbouring Priests: Fr T Mannion 964 3014 - Fr P Casey 916 4143 -
Fr Loughlain Carolan 985 3012

Masses

Sat 26th Apr	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sun 27th Apr	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Tom & Mary O'Rourke, Cloonmone. Tommy Forde, Corralustia.
Mon 28th Apr	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration.
	7:00pm		Mass.
Tue 29th Apr	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	
Wed 30th Apr	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Thurs 1st May	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 2nd May	7:00pm	Creevelea	
Sat 3rd May	7:00pm	Tarmon	Mary Southwell & Michael & Teresa Woods & Members of the Guighan & Woods Families.
Sun 4th May	11:15am	Drumkeeran	

Confession: Available after weekday Masses and anytime on request.

Visitations: Fr Tom will be doing his rounds on Fri 2 May.

Welcome: To Ógie Gerard McCauley, son of Cathal and Aoife, Geaglom, who was baptised on Easter Sunday in St Patrick's Church, Tarmon. May he enjoy a long and happy life.

Church Minister For May:

Readers -	Tarmon Church	Blaithín McPartlan.
	Drumkeeran Church	John Joe Byrne.
Eucharistic Ministers -	Tarmon Church	Rita McPadden (1), Christina Byrne (2).
	Drumkeeran Church	Aaron Wynne, Paddy Joe Daly, Patrick Joseph McTiernan.
Collectors -	Tarmon Church	Michael John & Declan Flynn
	Drumkeeran Church	Carmel Wynne, Ann Marie Daly, Aaron Wynne, Fintan Gilrane.
Altar Society -	Tarmon Church	Angela Flynn.

Divine Mercy Sunday: Devotions will take place in St Joseph's Church, Boyle and The Friary, Sligo on Sun 27 Apr commencing with confession at 2:00pm followed by Holy Mass at 3:00pm. Devotions will also take place in Knock with Confessions from 10:30am and Holy Mass at 3:00pm.

Choir Practice: Will be held in Drumkeeran Church on Mon 28 April at 8:30pm.

Eucharistic Ministers and Readers: Martina Gilmartin is organising training for both ministries. If you would be interested in taking part, please let Fr Tom know. This training is for experienced and new members of each ministry. If there is enough interested then the training can take place locally, not in the Pastoral Centre.

Pray For: His Holiness, Pope Francis, (Jorge Mario Bergoglio) born in Buenos Aires (Argentina) on 17 December 1936, died at 7:35am on Easter Monday (21 April 2025) in his apartment at the Domus Sanctae Marthae (Vatican City). His tasks are over, the Lord has called him into His loving arms, may his soul rest in peace. The Pope's funeral took place on Sat 26 April.

Points to Ponder:

The risen Jesus penetrates the disciples' defences, overcomes their fears, and brings them joy. I ask Him to pass through all my security systems and liberate me from whatever prevents me from 'having life and having it in all its fullness'.

Thomas was a modern man, finding faith hard, like many people today. He was let down by the others who ran away, the leader denied Jesus, his trust in the group of apostles had been abused. He didn't want much more to do with them. He had gotten tired of it all. He wanted to believe but needed a sort of proof. But faith grows within a community. That's why we baptise children because faith grows from the beginning of life. We find growth in our faith through the community – for example, in the Mass, shared rosary, sharing our faith in a group, a good spiritual book, sharing our doubts but never closing the door to Jesus, sharing our faith in thanks for what our faith gives us.

In community, the disciples found faith in the risen Christ. Thomas, for some reason, was not with them when the Lord came. Separated from the community, he found faith more difficult. Faith in the Lord, while personal, is not a private affair. In the faith of one, the faith of another may be strengthened. Formation in faith for the disciples had its communal experience – together they learned and found faith in the Lord.

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Thought for the Day:

Doubt is not a dead end. It can lead to an intensification of faith. It was not the other apostles who acclaimed Jesus with the words 'My Lord and my God.' Had they realised at last, that Jesus was truly God as well as truly man? They must have been conscious of it, but perhaps not yet come to articulate so overwhelming a truth. It is doubting Thomas who is the first to acclaim, in unforgettable words, the divine Lordship of Jesus.

Sr Wendy Beckett, The Art of Holy Week and Easter

Drumkeerin Community Outreach Event: Will take place on 1st May in our Community Centre. This event aims to showcase what clubs, community groups, classes and events are happening in your local area. If you are part of a group or class or would like to start a group and would like to participate in this event please contact Carol @0862042628.

Drumkeerin NS: We are holding a Cash 4 Clobber collection on Thurs 29 May; please drop your black bags off at school on or before this date. If you require help getting bags to school, please contact the school as assistance may be available. The company only accepts clean, dry clothes, matched pairs of shoes, handbags, belts - they do not accept pillows or duvets for hygiene reasons.