

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Second Sunday in Lent

25th 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 24th Feb	7:00pm	Creevelea	
Sun 25th Feb	11:15am	Drumkeeran	
Mon 26th Feb	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration.
	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	Mass.
Tues 27th Feb	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	No Mass.
Wed 28th Feb	10:00am	Creevelea	
Thurs 29th Feb	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 1st Mar	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sat 2nd Mar	7:00pm	Creevelea	
Sun 3rd Mar	11:15am	Drumkeeran	John & Kathleen McHugh, Glasdrumman.

Confession: Available after weekday Mass or on request.

Visitation: Fr Tom will be doing his round on Fri 1 Mar.

Choir Practice: Will be held on Mon 26 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 - **Change of day.** 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 Wednesday evenings: Wednesday 28th Feb, 6th and the 13th of March at 7.30pm. 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.

Novena of Hope at The Graan: The program runs from Sat 2 Mar to Mon 11 Mar please contact The Graan directly on 028 66 322272 for more information or see the posters on the noticeboards.

Church Ministers for March: Collectors for Drumkeeran Church - Sean Gallagher, Desmond Wynne, Veronica McTiernan and Mary McHugh.

Readers for Drumkeeran and Creevelea Church - Volunteers required please see Fr Tom.

Calling all 18-30 year olds: Do you want to explore your faith with other like-minded young people in a beautiful and reflective location? Join us for a Retreat for Young Adults at Lough Derg, Pettigo County Donegal on Sat 27 April from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

Refreshments and Lunch provided. This Retreat is organised by The Knights of St Columbanus Omagh and is free of charge. To register please visit www.tiny.cc/loughderg Or email info@knightsostcolumbanusomagh.co.uk.

The Poor Clares in Galway: Are holding a Monastic Experience Day for young women who might be interested in their way of life. The event will take place from 10:00am to 5:00pm on Sat 2 March. The day is designed to help those who may be exploring the possibility of a religious vocation to find out more about the Poor Clare way of life. Anyone wishing to book a place should email vocations@poorclares.ie.

Thought for the Day

Mark 9:2-10

Jesus was 'able to invite others to be attentive to the beauty that there is in the world because He, Himself was in constant touch with nature, lending it an attraction full of fondness and wonder. As He made His way throughout the land, He often stopped to contemplate the beauty sown by His Father and invited His disciples to perceive a divine message in things'. 'The very flowers of the field and the birds which His human eyes contemplated and admired are now imbued with His radiant presence'. If 'the universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely... there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person's face'. The world sings of an infinite Love: how can we fail to care for it?

Laudate Deum 64-65, 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. 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.

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.

Drumkeerin National School: We will be holding an open day for the September 2024 new starters on Fri 15 Mar between 1:30pm and 3:00pm. This provides an opportunity for the children to see their new school and classroom and meet their teachers and for parents to ask any questions they may have. If you require further information or want to get an enrolment form for your child, please contact the school on either drumkeerinns@gmail.com or 071 964 8314.

Leitrim Women Through Time - Cures of Ireland: A living Tradition, talk with Author Cecily Gilligan on Thurs 29 Feb at 8:00pm in Sexton's House, Manorhamilton. This event is free although pre booking is appreciated. Contact the Women's Centre on 071 9856220 or email; info@northleitrimwomenscentre.ie.