

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Fifth Sunday in Lent

St Patrick's Day

17th 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 16th Mar	7:00pm	Creevelea	Vigil of St Patrick's Day.
Sun 17th Mar	11:15am	Drumkeeran	St Patrick's Day. Peter Curnan & Deceased Family.
Mon 18th Mar	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration.
	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	Mass.
Tues 19th Mar	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	No Mass.
Wed 20th Mar	10:00am	Creevelea	
Thurs 21st Mar	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 22nd Mar	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sat 23rd Mar	7:00pm	Creevelea	Vigil of Palm Sunday, please bring palm with you to be blessed.
Sun 24th Mar	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Palm Sunday, please bring palm with you to be blessed.

Confession: Available after weekday Mass or on request.

Pray for: John McPadden of Selton and Wetherby, England who died recently. May he rest in peace. John's funeral will be in Drumkeeran when arrangements are made.

St Patrick's Day Collection: "Some give by going, others go by giving". Your generosity to the St Patrick's Day Collection will help;

- St Paul's Missionary Society, a number of whom work in our diocese.
- Support Irish Missionaries working in African Countries.
- Provide support to the Irish Emigrant Chaplaincy abroad.

All Married Couples Deserve A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend:

The next weekend will be held in the Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare, starting on Fri 26 April to Sun 28 April. Register online at www.marriageencounter.ie. Good marriages can always be made better!

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 you name to 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@knightsfstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk.

Points to Ponder

During the 6 years as a slave Patrick learned the language of the Irish people and was sensitive to the culture. Patrick got to know Irish ways and grew to love the Irish people. This was obviously indispensable to his missionary efforts. He did not ride in on a white horse as an outsider bringing a foreign salvation; he came to the Irish as one who had spent the time becoming one of them. His ministry was marked by evangelising, preaching and teaching.

History testifies that Patrick's efforts began a chain of events that not only led to the Christianisation of Ireland but to the arrival of Irish missionaries into mainland Europe. Missionaries including the monastic saints Columbanus (c.540-615) and Malachy (1094-1148) who brought key elements of Christian faith that promoted ecclesial and social unity, which were absorbed by cultures in a way that fostered education, virtue and basic human rights. This was the legacy of these Irish men and women of courage, and it originated with Patrick, their father in faith. For this reason, St Patrick is celebrated not just by the Irish but by churches around the world, who thank God for the gift of faith received by their Irish ancestors, who brought the faith to other cultures and peoples after the example of Patrick himself. What the story of Patrick teaches us with renewed force and effect is simply that Christian mission matters. May we never doubt the wonders God continues to do in our own day through men and women who share Patrick's passion.

Dr Miriam A Kelly.

As we celebrate St. Patrick's Day: Our thoughts turn to those who have emigrated from our shores. We remember and pray for all Irish people overseas - those who are recently departed and those who left our shores many years ago. We ask you to remember in a special way those emigrants whose journey have been a difficult one and may need that extra bit of help and support. In addition to practical assistance, emigrants need spiritual and emotional support. We remember those who work tirelessly to assist Irish emigrants of all generations, particularly the Irish chaplaincies in the United States and the U.K. We also pray those who have been touched by the sense of loss that comes with a loved one emigrating, that they will find strength and comfort as they cope with the pain of separation.

Drumkeeran National School Parents Association: We are holding a "bake sale" on Good Friday, 29th March, starting after the 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 Drumkeeran 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.

Anam Cara Mayo: Will meet Wed 26 March at 7:15pm in the T. F Royal Hotel, Castlebar, Co. Mayo. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless. We now also offer an online support service too. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.