

# PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

## Third Sunday of Easter

4th May 2025

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### Masses

Sat 3rd May	7:00pm	Tarmon	Mary Southwell & Michael & Teresa Woods & Members of the Guighan & Woods Families.
Sun 4th May	11:15am	Drumkeeran	
Mon 5th May	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration.
	7:00pm		Mass.
Tue 6th May	11:00am	Áras Bhride	
Wed 7th May	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Thurs 8th May	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 9th May	7:00pm	Creevelea	
Sat 10th May	<b>5:00pm</b>	Tarmon	First Communions.
Sun 11th May	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Michael McPartlin.

**Confession:** Available after weekday Masses and anytime on request.

#### Pray For:

- + Patrick Curnan, Sheena, whose funeral took place on Sat 3 May in St Brigid's Church, Drumkeeran.
- + Hugh McPartlan, Radharc An t'Seipeal, Drumkeerin who died on Fri 18 April, funeral arrangements to be announced.
- + John Loughlin, Newbridge, Dowra, whose funeral took place on Fri 2 May in St. Colmille's Church, Newbridge with burial in Drumkeerin Cemetery afterwards.

May their souls rest in peace in the loving arms of the Lord.

**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.

**March for Life 2025:** Organised by the Pro Life Campaign takes place on Mon 5 May in Dublin at 2:00pm (Meeting point: Opposite Newman University Church, St Stephen's Green). It is being held to draw attention to the rapidly increasing abortion rates in Ireland and call for support for pregnant women and their babies. The event will be suitable for families and have excellent speakers. Join us in standing up for mothers and their unborn babies! For more information including on buses travelling to Dublin see [www.marchforlife.ie](http://www.marchforlife.ie).

We continue to keep His Holiness, Pope Francis, whose funeral took place on Sat 26 April, in our prayers for the happy repose of his soul.

We look forwards to the start of Conclave this coming week and pray for the Cardinals, as this decision is made, that the Holy Spirit will guide them in God's work.

**NESA- North East SEPSIS Awareness group:** Our support group is for those who have suffered with SEPSIS and those who have lost people to this disease. Meetings take place on the last Thursday of every month at the Virginia Showground from 8:00 to 9:00pm.

#### Points to Ponder:

They fished through the darkness but their nets were empty. 'That night they caught nothing.' The darkness, however, was not just about the night sky. The darkness was also in the disciples. In the same way, the empty net is not only descriptive of their fishing efforts it's descriptive of the disciples themselves. They are as empty as their nets. Who hasn't experienced that darkness and emptiness here? You know what that's like. You fish, you work, you do your best but you still come up empty. In those times we have come to the limits of our own self-sufficiency. We have nothing to show for our efforts and nothing left to give. We're empty.

That's when Jesus, still unrecognised by the disciples, shows Himself and says, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' That's not so much a question as it is a statement. Within Jesus' words I hear the echo of Mary's voice at the wedding in Cana when she said to Jesus, 'They have no wine' (John 2:3). Empty nets. Empty jars. No wine, no fish, no life. That's when Jesus showed himself.

Nets and jars cannot be filled unless they are first emptied. In the same way we can never be filled with Jesus until we are first emptied of ourselves, until we come to recognize the limits of our own self-sufficiency. The emptiness is not the end or a failure but a beginning. The miracle begins when the wine runs out. Jesus shows up when the nets are empty.

*Michael K Marsh, Interruptingthesilence.com*

#### Thought for the Day:

All things rising, all things sizing  
Mary sees, sympathising  
With that world of good,  
Nature's motherhood.

Their magnifying of each its kind  
With delight calls to mind  
How she did in her stored  
Magnify the Lord.

This ecstasy all through mothering earth  
Tells Mary her mirth till Christ's birth  
To remember and exultation  
In God who was her salvation.

*'May Magnificat' Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844-1889)*

**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.

**Drumkeerin Community Outreach Event - Rescheduled:** The Drumkeerin Community Outreach event, originally scheduled for last week, will now take place on Wed 7 May at 6:30pm. Come along and discover the many clubs, groups, and classes active in Drumkeerin that you can get involved in. Performances by: Leitrim Balaclavas and AÍrc Damhsa Culture Club. Activities for Kids: Art Workshop and Face Painting. Free raffle and refreshments. This event is funded under the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP). Don't miss this evening of fun, creativity, and community spirit; everyone is welcome!

**North Leitrim Women's Centre:** Summer Flower Arranging with Clodagh's Cottage Flowers. Wed 7 May 10.30-12.30. The cost is €20. To book a place contact the Centre on 071 9856220.