

# PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

## Third Sunday of Lent

20th March 2022

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

Neighbouring Priests: Fr T Mannion 964 3014 - Fr P Casey 916 4143 -

Fr Loughlain Carolan 985 3012

### Masses

Sat 19th Mar	8:00pm	Tarmon	
Sun 20th Mar	10:00am	Creevelea	Annie & John McTiernan & Grandsons Aiden & John.
Sun 20th Mar	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Mannix & Elizabeth Forde & Michael Guighan.
Mon 21st Mar	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	
Tues 22nd Mar	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Wed 23rd Mar	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	
Thurs 24th Mar	10:00am	Creevelea	
Fri 25th Mar	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sat 26th Mar	8:00pm	Tarmon	
Sun 27th Mar	10:00am	Creevelea	Summer Time - Clocks go forwards one hour.
Sun 27th Mar	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Margaret O'Brien, Glasdrummond.

**Adoration:** Drumkeeran Church on Monday from 6pm to 7pm before Mass. All are welcome to come and spend time in prayer.

**Confirmation:** A meeting for Parents or Guardians of children who are to be confirmed on 15th May 2022 will be held on Mon 21 March at 7:30pm in Drumkeerin Church. At least one Parent/Guardian is asked to attend.

**Special Collection - Ukraine:** Will be held on the weekend of 26th/27th March to support humanitarian efforts. Please use an envelope and put your usual number on the outside. Please be as generous as you are able, thank you.

**Married Couples:** A retreat to rediscover the meaning of fun in your marriage, your family life and your commitments to each other. Experience the 7 thematic days of the CANA week over 3 weekends through April, May and June. The retreat includes talks, testimonies and most of all time to share with each other as a couple and with other couples. Contact details: Brian and Lisa Harmon on 041 685 1563, 0868 386 725 or 0879 080 023. Website [www.canaireland.org](http://www.canaireland.org).

**Vocations:** March 25 is the Feast of the Annunciation when Mary said YES to God's plans for her. Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and the people who come for Adoration on Monday are asked to include this intention when they pray.

**New Pastoral Council:** Please put some effort into nominating a man and a woman from your church area to the next Parish Pastoral Council. Check with the person to see if they would be willing to help. Nominations will take place shortly.

**Ministry of Reader:** We need more people to help out with the Readings in the 3 churches. If you can help, please put your name and the month that would suit you on the list at the church door where the leaflets and the collection box is placed.

### Seeing your life through the lens of the Gospel Luke 13:1-9

1. Jesus rejects the idea that personal misfortune is God's punishment for sin. Yet a serious illness or accident can serve as a wake-up call about how we live our lives. How have such experiences given you a greater appreciation of the value of your life and relationships, and of the time, and opportunities at your disposal?
2. "I'll wait till tomorrow to do that." Have you ever said that and then found the chance is gone the next day? In the story we are called to recognise God at work in our lives and respond to Him. NOW is the opportune moment. When have you been glad you did not put off action to the following day?
3. Perhaps there have been times when you saw yourself like the tree in the parable - useless, merely a waste of space, unable to achieve what you wanted. Think of friends who came to you at such a time, people who saw your potential and were prepared to give you another chance, people who also dug the soil around you and gave you the help you needed to grow. Perhaps in your turn you have been able to do this for others.

*John Byrne OSA*

**Karate Classes:** Commencing on Mon 28 March in Drumkeerin Community Centre between 6pm and 7pm. Ages 5 years plus and the cost per class is €7 per student, family rates are available. Contact Michael for details on 087 675 4994.