

# PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

## Fourth Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd and Vocations Sunday

8th May 2022

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### Masses

Sat 7th May	8:00pm	Creevelea	
Sun 8th May	10:00am	Tarmon	
Sun 8th May	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Vincent & Celia O'Donnell.
Mon 9th May	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration and 7pm Mass.
Tues 10th May	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	Mass - Held for Residents and Staff Only.
Wed 11th May	10:00am	Creevelea	
Thurs 12th May	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 13th May	7:00pm	Tarmon	Mary Southwell (née Woods) & Michael & Teresa Woods.
Sat 14th May	8:00pm	Creevelea	
Sun 15th May	10:00am	Tarmon	
Sun 15th May	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Theresa Fee (MM) & husband Michael. Michael & Brigid Lavin, Sheena & Deceased of the Lavin & Harrison Families.

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

**Diocesan Vocations & Support Services Collection:** This collection is for the training of priests, safeguarding, marriage preparation courses and support, Diocesan staff, etc. We are levied €2978 from Drumkeeran, €1593 from Tarmon and €993 from Creevelea - equating to 15% of the offertory collections for 2021. Your contribution is important.

**Vocations Sunday:** Have you thought you might want to follow a life into religious service? Have you pondered the idea of becoming a priest or a nun? To explore further, please contact Fr Ultan McGoohan, Parish Priest of Killann (Bailieborough) as he is currently Vocations Director for the priesthood. He may be contacted confidentially at [bailieboro2@kilmorediocese.ie](mailto:bailieboro2@kilmorediocese.ie). Or visit [www.kilmorediocese.ie/vocations](http://www.kilmorediocese.ie/vocations) to find out more.

### Points to Ponder

Sheep are mentioned more than 200 times in the Bible, more than any other animal. Sheep were important as sources of wool, milk and meat, and throughout the Bible, sheep served as symbols for God's people. Jesus is portrayed as the shepherd of His chosen flock in the prophetic words of Isaiah and Ezekiel, and most famously in the 23rd Psalm, all in which belongs to the Good Shepherd.

Sheep are followers. Following isn't something sheep have to think about - it's an instinct. Sheep remember faces. They recognise faces of other sheep and even of humans who work with them regularly. They are almost human, because sheep remember who treats them well - and even more, they remember who handles them harshly. Sheep find safety in numbers, and when grazing, sheep will keep at least 4-5 other sheep in view. They are very social and extroverted animals, for they do not do well alone, and they value supporting each other by sticking together at all costs. A lost sheep is critical because they do not do well alone.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who cares, watches and protects those who believe in Him. This is a wonderful message for anyone who seeks peace with God. To be in the Lord's flock is to be in a life-changing, transformative relationship with the Lord. To know the Lord is to see our life changed by that very relationship. It is to know the voice of Jesus and be able to distinguish it from others, so that in all things God may be glorified.

*Sr. Linda Soler OSB*

### Seeing your life through the Lens of the Gospel **John 10:27-30**

1. Jesus tells us that we can rely on His relationship with us. Think of the relationships you have in which you feel safe and secure because there is mutual understanding and the relationship has stood the test of time?
2. Jesus says that the disciple is one who listens. What is your experience of listening to the Word of God in the Scriptures? To what other voices have you listened and found guidance?
3. The faithful disciple is also one who follows the path of love that Jesus preached and practiced. Although it may be difficult at times, it is in following it we find life. Where have you had the experience of listening, responding, loving and finding life?

*John Byrne OSA*

**Biodiversity Week:** Join the Organic Centre, Rossinver, Co Leitrim for its program of free and family friendly events to celebrate Biodiversity Week from May 13th-22nd. Website [www.theorganiccentre.ie](http://www.theorganiccentre.ie) for more information.

**Basic Computer Course – Mohill Enterprise Centre:** Starting on Fri 13 May for 4 weeks from 10am - 12:30pm. Course Content; including - file management, basic word processing, the internet & world wide web, email & introduction to MS Teams and Zoom and staying safe online whilst banking, shopping, and using social media. Please call 071 9632024 for more details.