

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Fourth Sunday of Lent - Mother's Day 27th 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 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.
Mon 28th Mar	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	
Tues 29th Mar	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Wed 30th Mar	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	
Thurs 31st Mar	10:00am	Creevelea	
Fri 1st Apr	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sat 2nd Apr	8:00pm	Creevelea	
Sun 3rd Apr	10:00am	Tarmon	Sean Gallagher (4th Anniversary).
Sun 3rd Apr	11:15am	Drumkeeran	

Mass times: As we move into Summer Time, Masses in Tarmon and Creevelea switch around for the summer months starting from Sat 2 April.

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

Pray For: Annie Darcy, Lisnaneris and Áras Bhríde whose funeral took place in St Brigid's Church Drumkeeran on Tues 22 Mar. May she rest in peace.

Welcome: To Leighton Adrian Smith, son of Emma and Adrian of Sheena, who was baptised in St Brigid's Church, Drumkeeran on Fri 18 Mar.

Special Collection - Ukraine: Will be held on this weekend, 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.

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.

St Patrick's Day Collection: €905 was raised, thanks to all who contributed.

Visitation: Fr. Tom will be doing his rounds on Fri 1 April.

Points to Ponder

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

We have all heard the story many times, the prodigal son, the forgiving father, the jealous brother. But there is another element to the story that I have never heard discussed. Where was the mother of the prodigal son? Did she have a role in this family drama?

I have a pretty good idea where she was, or at least of what she was doing. She was praying! I am certain that all the time that her son was gone; she was beseeching God to keep him safe, to touch his heart, to bring him home. And who is to say that it was not her prayers that reached him in some way and reminded the son of his father's house? I do not mean to imply that the father was not concerned about what might happen to this son who was determined to go his own way. He had hopes, no doubt, that his son would do well, but he must have had some fears as well, why else would he have been looking for him, so that he saw him from afar, just as soon as he came within eyesight range?

Whatever else he may be, a foolish son (and that of course includes daughters) is, indeed, the grief of his mother. And so mothers pray. We pray a lot. We pray especially hard when our children are teenagers and taking their first steps into adulthood, and we never stop praying for our children, no matter how old we or they get. And we keep on praying for them, no matter what they do.

Natalie Ashanin - Antiochian Orthodox Christian

Cavan Institute Open Day: Will be held on Sat 2 April 2022, from 11:00am to 2:00pm. All welcome.

Nominations for the New Pastoral Council: Please use the bottom of the newsletter and nominate one man and one woman from your Church area. Cut out the relevant section and place in the collection box next weekend, thank you.

NOMINATIONS FOR OUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Name of Church Area: _____

Male Nomination: _____

Female Nomination: _____