

# PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

## Fifth Sunday in Lent

3rd April 2022

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

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

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### Masses

Sat 2nd Apr	8:00pm	Creevelea	Deceased of the Dolan Family, Tullywillian.
Sun 3rd Apr	10:00am	Tarmon	Sean Gallagher (4th Anniversary).
Sun 3rd Apr	11:15am	Drumkeeran	
Mon 4th Apr	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	
Tues 5th Apr	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Wed 6th Apr	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	
Thurs 7st Apr	10:00am	Creevelea	
Fri 8th Apr	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sat 9th Apr	8:00pm	Creevelea	Deceased of the Gallagher Family, Gortahork.
Sun 10th Apr	10:00am	Tarmon	
Sun 10th Apr	11:15am	Drumkeeran	

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

**Special Collection - Ukraine:** Thank you to all who contributed. You can still include your contribution by using an envelope marked "Ukraine" and put your usual collection number on the envelope. Collection total so far stands at €2050.

**St Patrick's Day Collection:** We have a new total of €970. 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.

**Palm Sunday:** Please bring palm with you next Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses for the Blessing.

### Points to Ponder

**John 8:1-11**

Life is like a constant game of mirrors: we project our frustrations onto others, we condemn them for things we don't dare see in ourselves. Other people constantly show us a reflection of ourselves and reveal parts of us that we would be unable to see otherwise. Sometimes we are surprised, sometimes unbelieving, and sometimes even frustrated.

The adulteress woman thrown into the centre becomes a projection of all the men that surround her. In her they see all of their inability to be faithful to the Law. They project onto her their frustration, their inability to persevere. They vent upon her the rage they have towards themselves upon seeing that they too are unfaithful observers of the Word.

We can't be sure what Jesus wrote on the ground, but it seems that in those words, written in the sand, the scribes could read about themselves, as if Jesus had placed a mirror in front of their eyes. For these experts of the Word, there was no better mirror than words themselves.

Jesus is the unexpected. He is the event that we come across, seemingly by accident, that reveals the truth about ourselves, whether we like it or not. Life is a game of mirrors that we cannot escape from, mirrors that can fuel our rage, mirrors that we would often like to smash. But there can also be mirrors that, providentially, initiate a conversion in our hearts.

*Fr Gaetano Piccolo - Catholic Bible Study and Reflections*

**Remembrance Walk:** A walk will be held in memory of Lisa Cullen in aid of the "Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust" this Sun 3 April at 2:00pm. Starting at the Scardan Waterfall, Tarmon on the Arigna Miners hiking trail. To register your attendance please email Paula at [pmcw565@gmail.com](mailto:pmcw565@gmail.com) with your name, contact number and how many people will be attending or Whatsapp on 087 1829436.

**Outdoor Circuit Training:** Starting Mon 4 April at 8pm for 6 weeks. All training will take place outdoors on the Astro Pitch in Keadue. Booking must be made in advance as spaces are limited. To register go to <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/309440403577> or text 0877907886 for a link. Cost is €30 for 6 weeks, payable online at registration.

### NOMINATIONS FOR OUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Name of Church Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Male Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Female Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_