

# PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

5th May 2024

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

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

Fr Loughlain Carolan 985 3012

### Masses

Sat 4th May	7:00pm	Tarmon	Michael, Brigid & Christopher Gilhooly.
Sun 5th May	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Michael & Bridget Lavin, Sheena.
Mon 6th May	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration.
Sat 11th May	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sun 12th May	11:15am	Drumkeeran	

**Congratulations:** To all the students of St Brigid's NS, Drumkeeran, St Patrick's NS, Tarmon and Drumlease NS, Dromahair; who received the sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Martin last Saturday. Thanks to all the teachers and staff of the schools for their help, the Choir for their beautiful singing, and to Fr Paul for organising everyone.

**2024 Kilmore Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** Fly out on Thurs 30 May for 7 Nights, flights from Dublin. For enquiries and bookings, please contact Cavan Travel, 15 Main Street Cavan. Tel. 049 4361222 or email [info@cavantravel.com](mailto:info@cavantravel.com).

**Annual All Ireland Rosary Rally:** Is scheduled to take place at Knock Shrine on Sat 1 June. It is an occasion to celebrate with families and friends our belief in the power of prayer. Father Patrick Peyton, the Rosary Priest, a native of Attymass inspired this annual event. His call was for families to be bound together in love through family prayer with the phrase 'The Family that Prays Together Stays Together'. The power of prayer can connect us and bring peace in our troubled times. 'A world at Prayer is a world at peace'.

#### Church Ministers for May:

**Readers:** Tommy McLoughlin Tarmon Church.  
Mary Bohan Drumkeeran Church.

**Collectors:** Drumkeeran Church Carmel Wynne, Ann Marie Daly, Aaron Wynne and Fintan Gilrane.

**Thought for the Day:** If I have faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

*1 Corinthians 13 4-6.*

**Points to Ponder:** We are asked to love those who persecute us, to love those who hate us. And, because Christ gave this to us as His only commandment, we know two things:

1. That it is possible to attain even if difficult, and
2. That it should be at the forefront of all of our life, all of the time.

We expend a great deal of energy on disliking people just in the same way as Christ used excuses to forgive and love people.

Yet, just as Christ forgave us, the people who persecuted Him, and calls us friends, so we are asked by Jesus to call friends those whom we don't always like. The street beggars, the people who have a different religion or a different skin colour or spoken language or culture, even those who have different ideas to ours. Much of the media - which is nowadays the shop frontage of life - tells us to seek blame. Any news story is first and foremost an exercise in blame. Yet, this is not the Christian way. Christ tells us "I have told you this so that My own joy may be in you and your joy be complete."

This is our vocation, then, that our joy may be complete by loving Him, by allowing Him to love us through everyone around us. Let us with our whole hearts enter into Christ's single commandment to love one another, and ask the Holy Spirit who convinces us of the meaning and the value of the Christian way, to lead us to fullness in Him.

*Mount Saint Joseph Abbey.*

**Drumkeeran NS:** We are holding a "Cash for Clobber" event on Thurs 16 May to raise much needed funds for the school. So now is the time to clear out those presses and bring in all your old clean clothes, matched pairs of shoes, etc. Black bags can be left at school ready for collection; please do not send in duvets or pillows as the company collecting them are unable to take them. Also please make sure all items are clean and dry.

**Monaghan Institute:** Our open evening is taking place on Thurs 9 May from 4:00pm until 7:00pm. Meet our staff team and learn more about studying with us in September 2024. Browse courses and apply now at [www.monaghaninstitute.ie](http://www.monaghaninstitute.ie).

**Sets Cielí:** With Innisfree Cielí Band in Drumkeeran Community Centre on Sun 9 June at 3:00pm. [www.johnmckenna.ie](http://www.johnmckenna.ie). All welcome.

**Irish Blood Transfusion Service:** Our stocks of O- A- and B- are very low going into the May bank holiday so we are hoping you may be able to help us increase attendance for our Blood Donation Clinic in the coming weeks. There will be two clinics at The Bush Hotel on Tues 28 and Wed 29 May, please book your appointment on 1800222111. New donors are always welcome! Visit [www.giveblood.ie](http://www.giveblood.ie).

**Healthy Food Made Easy:** This is a free, community cookery course. It takes place over 6 weeks (2.5 hours per week) and is great for both beginners and for more experienced cooks who are looking for inspiration. Leitrim Development Company has received funding to roll out a number of courses across Leitrim in 2024. The courses can be run during the day or in the evening, during the week or at weekends, depending on demand. If you are interested in taking part in a course in your local community, please email [annamctiernan@ldco.ie](mailto:annamctiernan@ldco.ie) or send a text message/Whatsapp to 0864073492, indicating your name, area and time preference. We will run courses in places that have the highest demand.

**Job Opportunity:** Minibus Driver, part-time required for Mo Chairde Day Centre. Full clean Driving Licence with Category D1 is essential and experience of working with older people is desirable. For further details and job description, please see [www.rosleaderpartnership.ie/](http://www.rosleaderpartnership.ie/) recruitment. Email your CV and cover letter to [recruitment@ridc.ie](mailto:recruitment@ridc.ie).