

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Easter Sunday

A Happy and Holy Easter to All Parishioners!

31st March 2024

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Masses

Sat 30th Mar	8:00pm	Drumkeeran	Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil Mass.
Sun 31st Mar	10:00am	Creevelea	Easter Sunday. Seamus Horan.
Mon 1st Apr	6:00pm 7:00pm	Drumkeeran Drumkeeran	Adoration. No Mass and no weekday Masses in April. Fr. Tom away.
Sat 6th Apr	7:00pm	Tarmon	Sean Gallagher. Vigil Mass returns to Tarmon for the summer-time months.
Sun 7th Apr	11:15am	Drumkeeran	

Confession: Available after weekday Mass or on request.

Pray for:

- + Michael Rogan Snr. Letter, Drumkeeran, who died on Tues 26th March. Michael's funeral took place on Sat 30 Mar in St Brigid's Church, Drumkeeran.
- + John McPadden, England whose funeral will be on Thurs 4 April at 11:00am in St Brigid's Church, Drumkeeran.
- + Alistair Watt, Derrinwilian Glebe, Corry, Drumkeeran, Co. Leitrim and formerly Auckland, New Zealand, unexpectedly following an accident. Reposing in St. Brigid's Church, Drumkeeran on Wednesday next from 5:00pm until 7:00pm. Service at Lakelands Crematorium, Cavan on Fri 5 April at 12:00pm.

May they rest in the loving arms of the Lord.

Summertime Begins: A reminder that the clocks go forwards 1 hour this Easter Sunday morning and that the Vigil Mass switches to Tarmon Church from Sat 6 April.

Trócaire: Please bring in your contribution in the envelope provided. Thanks. If you want to contribute and don't have an envelope, use your own and label it.

Easter Appeal: Irish charity Bóthar are dedicating their Easter Appeal to humanitarian aid for Palestine. Cheques or Postal Orders may be sent to Bóthar, Regus Castletroy, Business Reply, Limerick, V94Y6FD. Donations can be made by phone on 1800 26 84 63 or online at www.Bóthar.ie.

Divine Mercy Sunday: Divine Mercy devotions will take place in Saint Patrick's Church, Milltown on Divine Mercy Sunday, 7th April at 7:00pm. Father Thomas Small and Deacon Jordan McGabhann will officiate. Milltown church is home to the famous Robinson masterpiece of the Divine Mercy. It is proposed that the devotions will take place on the first Sunday of every month at 7:00pm, except July, August, September and January.

Points to Ponder

The Bible is full of references to the morning, using this tangible, everyday occurrence to illustrate the refreshment and renewal that Christians believe is on offer through the presence of God. The book of Lamentations reminds readers that, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning". Psalm 30 gives the encouragement that "Weeping may last for the night, but joy comes with the morning".

I love mornings. I will happily wake up with my alarm and bounce straight out of bed, picking up unfinished conversations with my husband from the night before and thinking through the day ahead.

Mistakes have not yet been made, ideas have yet to be tested, and nobody quite knows exactly how the day will pan out. It's exciting, if we allow it to be.

Mornings, especially early ones, buzz with potential. Perhaps this is why Jesus embraced them too. Luke's Gospel similarly reports that Jesus would get up "very early in the morning, while it was still dark", in order to pray. And, perhaps most significant of all, the resurrection of Jesus was discovered "at dawn on the first day of the week" (Matthew 28:1).

Easter Sunday is a time when Christians remember that the extraordinary, history-shaping resurrection of Jesus means a fresh start. A new day, filled with space for forgiveness, celebration and hope. The resurrection is the sign to all who wish to see it that death - in all its thievery and pain - is not the end, and that another reality is possible.

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An Evening Recital: Sue Donohoe (Piano) and Fr. Darragh Connolly (Tenor) present an evening of song and piano music of classical and opera on Sun 14 April at 6:00pm in Ramor Arts Centre, Virginia. Tickets available at www.ramortheatre.ticketsolve.com.

North Connacht & Ulster Citizens Information Service Leitrim: Are hosting a free "Making a Will" event on Mon 15 April, at 7:00pm in the Landmark Hotel, Carrick on Shannon, all are welcome to attend.

