

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd March 2025

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

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

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Masses

Sat 1st Mar	7:00pm	Creevelea	For All Parishioners.
Sun 2nd Mar	11:15am	Drumkeeran	For All Parishioners. John & Kathleen McHugh, Glasdrumman.
Mon 3rd Mar	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration.
	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	Mass.
Tue 4th Mar	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	
Wed 5th Mar	10:00am	Tarmon	Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins
	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	both Masses with blessing and distribution of ashes.
Thurs 6th Mar	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 7th Mar	7:00pm	Tarmon	Wedding in Drumkeeran - NO MASS at 7:00pm in Tarmon Church.
Sat 8th Mar	7:00pm	Creevelea	Mary & Len Dolly.
Sun 9th Mar	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Mary & Paddy Devitt, Knockocausan.

Visitation: Fr Tom will be doing his rounds on Thurs 6 March instead of the Friday as there is a wedding in Drumkeeran.

Confession: Available after weekday Masses and anytime on request.

Kilmore Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: There will be an Assisted Pilgrims Collection to support their trip to Lourdes. You can contribute by giving a donation in an ordinary envelope with your name or envelope number written on it. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Reminder: Opening the Bible—The Kilmore Diocese Lenten Scripture course starts on Monday, March 3rd, at 7.30 pm and continues Tuesdays: 11th, 18th, 25th March, and 1st, 8th April (online via Zoom). The Pastoral team are delighted to have Bishop Emeritus Leo O'Reilly in attendance, who will be on hand to answer questions and offer fresh insight. Explore how the Bible came about, its books, and why it is God's Word through six video sessions with discussions. All are welcome! To register and receive your Zoom link, contact Martina Gilmartin at pastoralservices@kilmorediocese.ie.

Drumkeerin NS: As we approach the draws main event we still need your help - The local community, past pupils and parents of present and past pupils are asked to help buy and sell tickets for the fundraising effort. Let it be known they can buy tickets online by visiting; <https://www.idonate.ie/raffle/StBrigidsNSDrumkeerinRaffle>. Please support your local school.

North Leitrim Women's Centre: NLWC along with The Glens Arts Centre invite you to join them on Fri 7 March, from 11:00am to 1:00pm, in the Glens Centre, Manorhamilton for a morning of entertainment, food and friendship to celebrate International Women's Day 2025. Special guests include local musician Eileen O'Toole and her ukulele and local playwright & writer Treasa Nealon. The event is free, to book contact the Women's Centre on 071 9856220.

Temperance Sunday and also Safeguarding Sunday: This weekend marks both these events. You can download the Safeguarding Newsletter from www.kilmorediocese.ie. There is a copy on the noticeboards.

Gospel Reflection:

Luke 6:39-45

Have we been paying attention? For the last couple weeks, the Sunday scriptures have given us a healthy dose of what is commonly called "The Sermon on the Plain", Luke's version of the more famous "Sermon on the Mount" found in Matthew's Gospel. The lessons have been familiar, but strikingly direct.

What we hear is Jesus speaking directly to His disciples; the word "you" pops up a lot while giving explicit instructions on how to live as His disciples. It's not easy listening. Jesus has advised to love your enemies, pray for your persecutors, give away your cloak. This Sunday's excerpt adds to that a lesson against hypocrisy: "Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own...You hypocrite!" And He concludes: "A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good."

We get a sense of a summation here, a broad but incisive conclusion and maybe the church has given us these readings at this moment for a significant reason. The time we call "ordinary" is drawing to a close. Wednesday, we begin Lent. A journey of prayer, fasting and almsgiving is about to start.

What we've been hearing these last few weeks is something more than filler, biding the time between Christmas and Lent. These teachings are foundational and among the most challenging for anyone who might claim the label Christian.

There have been lessons about mercy and compassion, about forgiveness and understanding. We've heard warnings about material success and living in physical comfort. And this Sunday, the disciples hear about the hazards of judging others. There's been a lot to absorb, and much to leave listeners both inspired and convicted. A prevailing message is this simple but necessary reminder: being a disciple isn't easy. Be prepared to be challenged. Be prepared to need to change.

In a few days, we will present ourselves to be marked, to declare to the world that we are fallen people in need of redemption, imperfect and sinful souls embarking on a project to be better, to do better, to live better, to love better — all in anticipation of the most important event in human history, Easter. We work to be prepared. We pray to be ready. We know we can never be worthy. But we can try to get there.

As we turn the page on Ordinary Time and prepare to enter the extraordinary season that is Lent, Jesus has been giving us pointers for the days to come. Things to look for. Pitfalls to avoid. Attitudes to adjust. Have we been paying attention?
Deacon Greg Kandra

Poor Clares Galway, Monastic Experience Day: For women aged 18-35. An opportunity to explore and experience Poor Clare life and spirituality. The event will take place from 10:00am to 5:00pm on Sat 15 March. Contact: vocations@poorclares.ie to register or for more information: www.poorclares.ie/monastic-experience-days.

The Drumshanbo Traditional Irish Music Course Presents A Charity Concert: Beo le Ceol – Alive with Music, at The Mayflower, Drumshanbo, Co Leitrim on Fri 7 Mar at 8:00pm. Funds raised from the concert will go to Northwest Hospice & The Alzheimer Society of Ireland. Tickets €10 cash on the door, under 12's free. Tickets can be bought via Eventbrite or cash on the door. Donations can be made through iDonate.

St. Patrick's Day Parade: Great to hear Drumkeerin will have a St. Patrick's Day parade this year, not on 17th March but on Sun 16 March at 5pm. Business, organisations, committees etc. are invited to enter a float. If interested contact Eamon Harrison. More details to follow.