

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Fifth Sunday of Easter

18th May 2025

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

Neighbouring Priests: Fr T Mannion 964 3014 - Fr P Casey 916 4143 -
Fr Loughlain Carolan 985 3012

Masses

Sat 17th May	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sun 18th May	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Martin Brolly (MM). Michael & Bridget Lavin, Sheena.
Mon 19th May	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration.
	7:00pm		Mass.
Tue 20th May	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	
Wed 21st May	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Thurs 22nd May	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 23rd May	7:00pm	Creevelea	
Sat 24th May	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sun 25th May	11:15am	Drumkeeran	First Communions. Marie McTernan.

Confession: Available after weekday Masses and anytime on request.

Eucharistic Ministers and Readers: Martina Gilmartin is organising training for both ministries. If you would be interested in taking part, please let Fr Tom know. This training is for experienced and new members of each ministry. If there is enough interested then the training can take place locally, not in the Pastoral Centre.

Diocesan Vocations and Support Services Collection: This collection is for the training of priests, safeguarding, marriage preparation courses and marriage support, diocesan staff, etc. All Parishes pay a levy of 15% of the previous year's offertory collection. If you contribute we will have less to take out of the church accounts. Thanks.

Choir Practice: Will be held on Mon 19 May, for Sun 1 June, at 8:30pm in Drumkeeran Church, new members are always welcome.

Relics of St Oliver Plunkett: Will visit The Conaty Chapel of the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre in Cavan on Wed 21 May through the kind support of the Knights of St. Columbanus. The relics will arrive at the Centre at 10:00am and will be available for veneration until 10:00pm that evening. There will be a lunchtime Mass in the Chapel at 1:15pm (being offered for those doing exams at this time), an early-evening Mass at 5:45pm, and one at 8:00pm celebrated by Bishop Martin Hayes. There will be opportunities for Confessions throughout the day. Petitions/Donations may be sent to the St. Oliver Plunkett Novena, Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cullies, Cavan H12 E5C7. All petitions received will be placed beside the relics as they rest in the Chapel. All are welcome for this very special event which coincides with the 400th anniversary of St Oliver's birth and the 50th anniversary of his canonisation. Please see poster on church noticeboard or contact the Centre on 049 4375004 for more information.

Points to Ponder:

Human beings develop institutions to serve human purposes. We belong to something greater. We belong to the Kingdom of God. Our identity is not in an institution or an organisational structure or a legal system. Our identity is in Jesus Christ, who loves us, who died for us, who rose again, who rules over heaven and earth, and who will one day come in glory to call us to Himself.

Our purpose, as beloved children of God, is only this one thing: to love. To love without judgment. To love without fear. To love without bias, or qualification, or exception. To love as Christ has loved us.

We are to love the people we want to love and the people we can't stand.

We are to love the people who live the way we think they should, and we are to love the people who don't.

We are to love the people who are just like us, and the people who are so different from us we can't see how we have anything in common.

We are to love as Jesus loved, including people in our lives, walking beside them, eating with them, caring for them, listening to them, including 'them' as an integral part of 'us.'

Because that's what Jesus says. Love. Each. Other.

Jo Anne Taylor www.pastorsings.com

Thought for the Day:

It is easy to love those who love you. It is easy to love your family and friends. It is easy to show goodness to those good to you. However, God wants more from us. He wants us to decide to love others, especially those who are unlovable. He wants us to be good to those annoying people in our lives. He wants us to treat right those who we feel do not deserve it. He wants us to love like Jesus did.

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Biodiversity: Parishes are being encouraged to set aside 30% of land for flowers and shrubs that will be helpful in attracting insect species that are in decline; like bees and butterflies. The RSS Scheme will help in the work and we will get help from Leitrim Development and Leitrim County Council. We will need parishioners who have an interest in gardening, or are keen to learn; to also help out. If you are interested, please give Fr Tom your name and contact number and we can meet as a group to organise this project. We can start at Drumkeeran Church and see how it works there and then include Tarmon and Creevelea Church areas.

Drumkeerin NS: We are holding a Cash 4 Clobber collection on Thurs 29 May; please drop your black bags off at school on or before this date. If you require help getting bags to school, please contact the school as assistance may be available. The company only accepts clean, dry clothes, matched pairs of shoes, handbags, belts - they do not accept pillows or duvets for hygiene reasons.

Packie McPartlan Memorial Run/Walk: Will be held this year on Sat 31 May with registration from 4:15pm and the race will begin at 5:30pm from the Community Centre. Held in association with North Leitrim A.C. All proceeds in aid of Drumkeerin Tidy Towns.

John McKenna Festival: Will run from Wed 4 June to Sun 8 June with lots of events to join in and enjoy. Visit www.johnmckenna.ie or email info@johnmckenna.ie for more information.

Alone: Is a national organisation that strives to enable older people to age at home, safely and securely, for as long as they wish. Call our national support and referral line on 0818 222024 from 8:00am to 8:00pm, seven days a week.