

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9th February 2025

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

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

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Masses

Sat 8th Feb	7:00pm	Creevelea	
Sun 9th Feb	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Deceased of the Cullen & Forde Families. Mary & Peter Flynn, Barragmore.
Mon 10th Feb	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration.
	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	Mass.
Tue 11th Feb	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	World Day of the Sick. Our Lady of Lourdes.
Wed 12th Feb	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Thurs 13th Feb	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 14th Feb	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sat 15th Feb	7:00pm	Creevelea	
Sun 16th Feb	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Joe & Beatrice Gallagher & Deceased of the Gallagher Family, Cloonamurgal & Deceased of the McMorrow & Barton Families.

Confession: Available after weekday Masses and anytime on request.

Pray For: Patrick (Paddy) McMorrow, Geaglum who died in Manchester on Sat 2 Feb. May his soul rest in peace in the loving arms of the Lord.

Choir Practice: Will be held on Mon 17 Feb at 8:00pm in Drumkeeran Church. New members always welcome.

Pastoral Council Meeting: The Pastoral Council will meet on Thurs 13 Feb at 7:00pm in the Parochial House.

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.

Points to Ponder:

Sometimes we can have a strong sense of our own unworthiness when we are in the presence of the Lord. Several characters in the Gospels express this sense of unworthiness before Jesus. John the Baptist expressed his unworthiness to baptise Jesus; the Roman centurion expressed his unworthiness to have Jesus come to his home. In this morning's Gospel reading, Simon Peter expresses his unworthiness just to be in the presence of Jesus. Each of these characters felt that the gap between themselves and Jesus was so great that they simply weren't worthy to have Him draw close to them. Yet, on each occasion, Jesus brushed aside the objection. He insisted on John baptising Him; He insisted on going to the home of the Roman centurion; He insists to Simon Peter that He will not be departing from him. On the contrary, Simon Peter was called by Jesus to share intimately in His work of catching people, gathering people into God's kingdom.

The Lord does not want our sense of unworthiness to become a block between Himself and us. Yes, we are unworthy, but the Lord does not ask us to be worthy. Rather, He asks us to be willing, to be responsive to His will for our lives. His purpose for our lives is always so much more generous than the plans or purposes we might have for ourselves. Like Simon Peter in the Gospel reading, we can discover that at the very moment when we are most aware of our unworthiness, the Lord is looking ahead to the person we can become and to the role we can play in His work in the world.

Fr Martin Hogan, Curate in the parishes of Finglas, Finglas West and Rivermount.

Drumkeerin NS: We 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/StBrigidNSDrumkeerinRaffle>. Please support your local school.

National School Enrolments:

St Brigid's NS, Drumkeeran is now open for enrolments for the upcoming 2025/26 academic year. Please contact the school for an application form on,
drumkeerinns@gmail.com.

St Patrick's NS, Tarmon are accepting enrolments; please contact the school at
stpatsnstarmon@gmail.com for an enrolment pack. Our open evening takes place Tues 25 Feb from 5:00pm until 7:00pm at the school.

Job Opportunity: Administrator full-time required for Mo Chairde Day Centre in Keadue. The Administrator will be responsible for preparing the centre returns, purchase orders, public procurement, SAGE, funding applications and complying with funder procedures. For further details and job description, please see www.rosleaderpartnership.ie/job-opportunities/ Email your CV and cover letter to recruitment@ridc.ie.

Bishop McKiernan Memorial Lecture: On Thurs 13 Feb at 7:00pm in Cavan Library, Dr Brendan Scott will speak about 'The Book of Fenagh, 1516 - an important Breifne manuscript'. All welcome.