

# PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

6th April 2025

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025 currently out of order, use mobile.

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

Fr Loughlain Carolan 985 3012

### Masses

Sat 5th Apr	7:00pm	<b>Tarmon</b>	Paddy McMorrow, Manchester (MM).
Sun 6th Apr	11:15am	Drumkeeran	
Mon 7th Apr	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration.
Tue 8th Apr	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	
Wed 9th Apr	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Thurs 10th Apr	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 11th Apr	7:00pm	<b>Creevelea</b>	Please note the change of venue.
Sat 12th Apr	7:00pm	Tarmon	Annie McMorrow (MM).
Sun 13th Apr	11:15am	Drumkeeran	

**Confession:** Available after weekday Masses and anytime on request.

**Pastoral Council:** Please collect a letter for you from Bishop Martin and Martina Gilmartin regarding a meeting of all the Pastoral Councils in the Deanery. Our Parish will be joining the meeting in The Rainbow Centre, Glenfarne on Thurs 1 May at 8:00pm. Thanks.

**Kilmore Diocese:** Bishop Martin Hayes will lead outdoor Stations of the Cross in the grounds of the Kilmore Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cullies, Cavan H12 E5C7, on Palm Sunday 13 April 2025 at 5:30pm. In the event of inclement weather, the Stations will take place in The Conaty Chapel at the Centre. All welcome.

**St. Pio Relics:** To visit Holycross Abbey (E41PH01): Sat 24 and Sun 25 May. Veneration and ceremonies from 10:00am to 8:00pm on Saturday and 9:00am to 8:00pm on Sunday (incorporating our annual St. Pio Pilgrimage on Sunday from 1:30pm). All are welcome. Contact 0504-43124 or hbparishoffice@gmail.com for information

**Easter Monday Pilgrim Path Walk @ Lough Derg:** Join the Team at Lough Derg for a guided walk along the ancient Pilgrim Path around Lough Derg on Mon 21 April at 10:30am. 8km & 12km option available. Free event. Booking essential. More information [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

**You don't have to be addicted to suffer from addiction:** M-PACT, a free eight-week family support programme for the whole family, helping to improve relationships, communication and recovery. If interested or would like further information; please contact 071 9150578 / 085 875 9319 or email [sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com](mailto:sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com)

### Reflections:

These words of Jesus are spoken all the time: "I do not condemn you". In prayer we often feel condemned for our past, or just for whatever in ourselves makes us feel shame. We condemn ourselves for meanness in the past, for our use of people for our own ends. We may also condemn ourselves for feelings we have or aspects of our personalities of which we feel ashamed. We can do nothing better than come before the Lord in shame and sin, and allow the words of mercy, "I do not condemn you" fill the shame, the guilt that makes our hearts and souls so empty.

Jesus is the one who never condemns, even when we are most condemnatory of ourselves. The look of Jesus to this condemned woman saved her; the look of divine and everlasting love. In prayer we can bring all the shame and guilt of our lives to this story of forgiveness and hear words spoken to each of us; "I do not condemn you".

As the people reflected on their lives and realised their need for forgiveness, they turned and went away. As I reflect on my life and consider my need for forgiveness I realise that I need to draw closer to Jesus, who loves me.

I hear the words of Jesus speaking to me; not condemning me, but giving me a new mission and a new vision of myself.

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### Thought for the Day:

Jesus never wants evil. He only wants what is good and life-giving. Therefore, in His great mercy, He instituted the sacrament of Reconciliation so that no one will be lost, so that we can all find the forgiveness we need, no matter how great our mistakes have been. As Pope Francis said: "Let us not forget this: God never tires of forgiving us! The problem is that we ourselves get tired, we do not want to ask, we grow weary of asking for forgiveness. He never tires of forgiving, but at times we get tired of asking for forgiveness. Let's never get tired! And let us too learn to be merciful to everyone".

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**Céilí:** In Drumkeerin Community Centre on Sun 6 April from 3:00pm to 6:00pm. Music by Duntally Céilí band. All funds raised will be used to continue to provide tin whistle & flute music classes for our young students.

**Drumkeerin Family Festival:** Drumkeerin Bingo Night - we will be holding a Bingo Night on Sat 12 April at 8:00pm in Lough Allen College. The jackpot is €500; single book €10 and double book is €15. Raffles and spot prizes on the night. Also a Table Quiz on Good Friday 18 April at 9:00pm in Davitt's Bar. Proceeds will be in aid of Drumkeerin Day Services. Cost is €40 for a table of 4. Quiz master is Seamus Gallagher. Raffle and spot prizes on the night.

**Concert:** Upcoming event in St Patricks Church, Aughawillan Ballinamore, N41CX27 on Fri 11 Apr at 8:00pm. The Sweet Spirit Country Gospel singers directed by Tish Dunleavy will perform some well know songs including Bob Dylan's 'To make you feel my love', & 'Blowing in the Wind', George Hamilton's 'Abilene', 'If I can dream' recorded by Elvis, 'I'll never find another you' recorded by Judith Durham & the Seekers, 'Lucky Old Sun' recorded by many artists in including Frank Sinatra and many more great pieces. Members of the group hail from Leitrim, Roscommon, Cavan & Longford. Come along and support the charity 'Aware' who provide supports for people suffering from depression and other mental health issues.

**Family Carers Ireland:** Is the National Charity Supporting 500,000+ Family Carers Nationwide, we are currently recruiting for Community Homecare Workers to provide support to clients. Work hours are flexible based on your availability. Own car and Full Driving Licence essential. Please send your CV to [jobs@familycarers.ie](mailto:jobs@familycarers.ie) or contact Carol on 049 8511031 or 086 4183949 for more information.