

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

First Sunday in Lent

9th March 2025

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

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

Fr Loughlain Carolan 985 3012

Masses

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| Sat 8th Mar | 7:00pm | Creevelea | Gerard McKenna, Sheena. |
| Sun 9th Mar | 11:15am | Drumkeeran | Mary & Paddy Devitt, Knockocausan. |
| Mon 10th Mar | 6:00pm | Drumkeeran | Adoration. |
| | 7:00pm | Drumkeeran | Mass - Tom & Margaret Fallon, Greaghmaglough. |
| Tue 11th Mar | 11:00am | Áras Bhríde | |
| Wed 12th Mar | 10:00am | Drumkeeran | Josie & Peggy Leydon & Son, Francis. |
| Thurs 13th Mar | 10:00am | Drumkeeran | |
| | 8:00pm | Drumkeeran | Choir Practice for St Patrick's Day. |
| Fri 14th Mar | 7:00pm | Tarmon | |
| Sat 15th Mar | 7:00pm | Creevelea | Annie & John McTiernan & Nephews, John & Aidan. |
| Sun 16th Mar | 11:15am | Drumkeeran | John & Paul McPadden. |

Confession: Available after weekday Masses and anytime on request.

Finance Committee Meeting: The committee are asked to attend on Wed 12 March at 7:00pm in the Parochial House.

Pray For: Brian Normoyle, nephew of the late Kathleen Harrison, Brian died in New York and his funeral took place on Sat 8 March. May Brian's soul rest in peace with the Lord.

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.

Knights of St. Columbanus: Are having an open night, on Tues 25 Mar the venue is The Hive starting at 8:00pm. The Carrick Primary Council (Branch), known as CK88, caters for faithful Catholic men, living in Carrick-on-Shannon, Ballinamore, Boyle, Bornacoola, Carrigallen, Cloone, Dromod, Drumsna, Drumshanbo, Elphin, Keadue, Mohill, Newtowngore, Rooskey, and surrounding areas. If you are interested in finding out more about the Knights of St. Columbanus, in the Carrick Council area and would like to attend our open night, or find out further information about our Fraternal Order, please contact Ciarán on 086-6027126. Attendance by pre-arrangement only. Website: www.knightsofstcolimbanus.ie (The Hive is located on the Castlecara Road, Carrick-on-Shannon. N41 FD83)

Points to Ponder:

Throughout the years, the Church has used the season of Lent as a time for Christian reflection and contemplation. Those same promises of comfort, power and privilege are offered to us every day. They can tempt us to stay put, instead of stepping out in faith to follow.

How was Jesus able to turn down bread when His stomach must have been churning with hunger? He relied on a more reliable promise from God. Jesus knew God would protect Him and show Him a better Way. It requires endurance, persistence and commitment to follow God.

Maybe the challenge for us isn't quickly to get to the place where 'we arrive,' but to find ways consistently to pick the Way of God over the comforts offered by the world. When we can be honest with ourselves about the allure of these things, we can be more open to allowing God to free us from their hold. We can also move further into the ministry to which we have been called and for which we have been equipped to live out in the world, without worrying about the danger lurking.

We are invited to look at ourselves, our practices of faith and our communities, so that we can attend to God's call in our lives. This may result in a shift of our perspective and possibly a letting go of things that no longer serve us in our commitment to follow Jesus. What might we find if we take a step out, in faith?

Rebecca Craver, Director of Congregational Development, Moravian Church

Thought for the Day: Fasts and Feasts for Lent

Fast from judging others. Feast on Christ living in them

Fast from Darkness. Feast on the reality of light

Fast from anger. Feast on patience

Fast from bitterness. Feast on forgiveness

Fast from emphasis on difference. Feast on the unity of life.

Fast from thoughts of sickness. Feast on the healing hand of God.

Fast from worry. Feast on the providence of God.

Fast from pessimism. Feast on optimism

Fast from negatives. Feast on the affirmation.

Fast from complaining. Feast on appreciation.

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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/StBrigidNSDrumkeerinRaffle>. Please support your local school.

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.

St. Patrick's Day Parade: Drumkeerin will have a St. Patrick's Day parade this year, not on 17th March but on Sun 16 March at 5pm.

Monaghan Institute's Open Evening: Is taking place on Thurs 13 March from 11:00am to 7:00pm. Meet our staff team and learn more about studying with us in September 2025. Browse courses and apply now @ www.monaghaninstitute.ie.