

# PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

30th March 2025

### Mother's Day - Summertime Begins

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 29th Mar	7:00pm	Creevelea	
Sun 30th Mar	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Michael Rogan (Snr). Mother's Day - We pray for all Mothers.
Mon 31st Mar	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration.
	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	Mass.
Tue 1st Apr	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	
Wed 2nd Apr	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Thurs 3rd Apr	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 4th Apr	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sat 5th Apr	7:00pm	<b>Tarmon</b>	Vigil Mass in St Patrick's Church, Tarmon. Annie McMorro (MM). Paddy McMorro, Manchester (MM).
Sun 6th Mar	11:15am	Drumkeeran	

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

**Visitations:** Fr Tom will be doing his rounds on Fri 4 April.

**St Patrick's Day Collection:** €1330.90 was raised, thanks to all who have contributed.

**Summer Time Begins:** With the going forwards of the clocks on the 30th March, the Saturday Vigil Mass will be returning to St Patrick's Church, Tarmon from Sat 5 April and will be there for the next 6 months.

**Choir Practice:** Mon 31 Mar at 8:00pm in Drumkeeran Church.

### **Church Ministers for April:**

**Drumkeeran Church**  
Reader: Rosaleen Harkin  
Eucharistic Ministers: Carmel Wynne, Margaret McPartlan,  
Josephine White.  
Collectors: Clodagh Redican, Paddy Joe Daly, Micheál Forde,  
Francis Davitt.

**Tarmon Church**  
Reader: Mary McGovern.  
Eucharistic Ministers: 2 Volunteers wanted.  
Collectors: Rita McPadden, Kathleen Rynn.  
Altar Society: Ann Foley.

**The Ulster Provincial Council of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association:** Is hosting the Annual Ball in Monaghan on Sat 5 April. Mass will be celebrated in St Macartan's Cathedral at 6:00pm followed by dinner in The Four Seasons Hotel at 7.30pm.  
For further information please contact Jim Halligan at 087 6734553 or Rosaleen Smith 087 2450692.

### **Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospel:**

**Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

The two clear lessons from today's Gospel are:

1. I can be absolutely sure of God's mercy and forgiveness, provided I turn back to Him in true sorrow.
2. I need to have the same attitude of compassion with people who offend me. I must be ready to forgive and be reconciled. I cannot refuse to love someone that God loves.

There are three people in this story and we can identify with all of them:

1. The son who went too far from his father and followed his own way into the most degrading behaviour.
2. The son, who thought he was good and observant, but deep down, did not have the mind of his father at all. He kept the commandments and all the rules but did not have a forgiving heart.
3. The father whose love never changes no matter what his children do and is ready to accept them back every time without exception.

Which of these three most represents me? Which one would I want to be like? Many say they identify most with the elder son, which of course is the point of the story. They who are the real sinners are those who shut their hearts against God's compassionate love.

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### **Thought for the Day:**

Remembering mothers

'A mother's hug lasts long after she let's go.' Unknown

'All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother' Abraham Lincoln

'If I had a single flower for every time I think of you, I could walk forever in my garden.'

Claudia Ghandi

'I love you every day. And now, I will miss you every day.' Mitch Albom

'There are no goodbyes, wherever you are, you will always be in my heart.' Mahatma Gandhi

'It's not easy being a mother. If it were, fathers would do it.' Golden Girls

'Becoming a mother makes you realize you can do almost anything one-handed.' Unknown

### **Drumkeerin NS:**

1. If you didn't get chance to buy a ticket for the raffle but would like to support the fundraiser you can still donate at;  
<https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/StBrigidsNationalSchoolDrumkeerin24>. All donations, no matter how small would be a great help, closing date 30th April 2025. More information is up on their Facebook page at St Brigid's National School Drumkeeran.
2. We are having an open day for new students on Fri 9 May at 1:30pm in the school so that the children and parents can meet their teacher and see what the school has to offer. Should you wish to enrol your child into the school for the next academic year please come along or contact the school for an enrolment form, on 071 964 8314 or email to drumkeerinns@gmail.com.

**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.