

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Fourth Sunday of Easter

11th May 2025

Day of Prayer for Vocations

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

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

Masses

Sat 10th May	5:00pm	Tarmon	First Communions.
Sun 11th May	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Michael McPartlan. Funeral of Hugh McPartlan.
Mon 12th May	6:00pm 7:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration. Mass.
Tue 13th May	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	
Wed 14th May	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Thurs 15th May	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 16th May	7:00pm	Creevelea	
Sat 17th May	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sun 18th May	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Martin Brolly (MM). Michael & Bridget Lavin, Sheena.

Confession: Available after weekday Masses and anytime on request.

Pray For: Hugh McPartlan, Radharc An t'Seipeal, Drumkeerin who died on Fri 18 April, whose funeral takes place today in Drumkeeran Church. May his soul rest in peace.

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 12 May 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:

Just for fun, I googled this question: 'Is my phone listening to me?' And the top hit was a simple answer: 'Yes, and here's how to stop it.' Have you ever had an experience of talking to a friend about buying something – let's say a power-washer – and the very next time you went on Facebook or somewhere like that, you saw ads for power-washers?

Yes, our phones and other devices are listening to us. They hear our voices. And then they try to sell us stuff. They know us, and all too often, we hear their voice and follow them. But they are often false shepherds, making promises that they cannot keep. There is only one true shepherd. And we are all his sheep. And today, we are reminded to listen to His voice. Because at the end of the day, there is only one voice we can trust; one voice that truly matters to our soul. And that is the voice of the shepherd, the voice of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

So why don't we always hear that voice? And how might we hear it more effectively? I want to put aside the obvious reasons why we don't hear His voice – that there are too many other competing voices, and we don't always take the time to listen to His voice. But at the end of the day, Jesus seems to be saying to us, it is only the voice of the shepherd that can lead us home, that can lead us to safety.

Tonya LaLonde - mypastoralponderings.com

Thought for the Day:

God our Father,

You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.

We ask that you inspire young people whom you call to Priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow your will.

Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Pope Francis

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.

Open Day: Leitrim College, The Further Education and Training Centre Campus, Hilly Road, Drumshanbo, Co. Leitrim N41 C6X6 is hosting an open day on Tues 20 May from 10:00am to 7:00pm. Find out about our QQI Level 5 & 6 courses in the areas of Business, Equine, Music, Health Nutrition and Food Science, Tourism with Ecotourism, Healthcare and Outdoor Activities with Sports Studies. Refreshments provided on the day. For more information, please check out our website www.leitrimcollege.ie.

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.