

# PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

22nd March 2020

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### Sunday Masses

**There will be no weekend Masses until further notice.**

#### Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

Drumkeeran	Monday	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm
Creevelea	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6.00 pm - 6.50 pm for Lent</b>
Tarmon	Friday	6.00 pm - 7.00 pm

#### Masses During the Week

Monday	7.00 pm	Drumkeeran	John & Rose McGuighan, Sheena
Tuesday	10.00am	Drumkeeran	No Mass in Áras Bhríde
Wednesday	<b>7.00 am</b>	Drumkeeran	Special Intentions
Thursday	7.00 pm	Creevelea	Special Intentions
Friday	7.00pm	Tarmon	Special Intentions

**Virus Precautions:** Churches have been advised to:

1. Remove water from the Holy Water fonts.
2. No sharing of the Chalice at Communion time.
3. No shaking of hands at the Sign of Peace.
4. Advise people to receive Communion on the hand and keep 2 metres apart.
5. The collection basket will have to be taken up at the Church door, there will be **NO** baskets passed around during the service.

We ask that all parishioners co-operate within these guidelines, thank you.

**St Patrick's Day Collection:** Your generosity to the St Patrick's Day Collection will help support Irish Missionaries working in African countries, provide support to the Irish Emigrant Chaplaincy abroad, educate African Priest (three of whom work in our Diocese and give a hand-up to those who are struggling. Thank you.

**"Care For One Another During The Coronavirus Pandemic" as of Thurs 12**

**March 2020:** Further advice of the Irish Bishops in response to the COVID-19 Coronavirus. Please see the information pinned to the Noticeboards of each Church.

**Northwest STOP:** Provides free counselling with no waiting lists. Please keep our number to hand should you or a friend need to talk to someone in confidence: 086 777 2009.

**Radio Maria Ireland:** We are broadcasting 24hours each day according to our threefold mission of prayer, catechesis and human formation. Daily Mass will be aired at 10am each day from our studio chapel, including Sundays for those who would like to tune in. Radio Maria Ireland is to be found on television – Saorview, Channel 210, by downloading our free app for mobile devices – Radio Maria Ireland and through our Website or Facebook page on the Listen Live link. It is also possible to tune in by dialling our listening service on 01 437 3277 at the cost of a call to a Dublin number according to your telephone service provider and at no extra charge otherwise.

**Daily Mass on "RTE News Now":** At 10.30am from St Eunan's and St Columba's Cathedral, Letterkenny. Also check out [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv) for other Mass times and Religious Services.

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People:** ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

**Novena in Preparation for the "Feast of the Annunciation":** To help you pray at home you can ask Fr. Tom for a copy of the text. On Wed 25 March at 12noon, Archbishop Eamon Martin invites us all to join him in Consecrating Ireland and her people to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for protection.

#### **Act of Consecration of Ireland to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for Protection from the Coronavirus.**

##### **Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord - 25 March 2020**

1. *The act begins with the recitation of The Angelus.*
2. *The Apostles Creed.*
3. *The First Joyful Mystery of the Rosary - The Annunciation of the Lord.*
4. *Prayer of Consecration.*

Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and Health of the Sick,

At this time of great challenge to our country from the coronavirus, we consecrate to Jesus through your Immaculate Heart: Ourselves, our family, the members of our Parish and Diocese, and the people of Ireland.

O Mary, Queen of Ireland, when you appeared at Knock, you gave hope to your people in a time of distress, and brought them comfort in a time of sorrow. Be with us now as a sign of salvation and hope, as we entrust ourselves to your loving care.

We renew the promises of our Baptism and Confirmation and ask your intercession that we may be always faithful to Christ and to His Church.

Bring under your mantle of protection all those who are suffering because of the coronavirus, and those who care for the sick and minister to their needs, as your Son implores us to do for one another.

O Loving Mother, at the foot of the Cross, with steadfast faith, your Immaculate Heart was pierced by grief at the suffering of your Son. You know what we need during these difficult days.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us - He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

O Blessed Mother, Our Life, Our Sweetness and Our Hope, we wish that this Consecration be for the glory of God and that it lead us safely to Jesus, your Son. A Naomh-Mhuire, a Mháthair Dé, guigh orainn na peacaigh, anois agus ar uair ár mbáis. Amen.

##### 5. *Blessing*

May your servants be shielded, O Lord  
by the protection of your loving kindness,  
that, doing what is good in this world,  
they may reach you, their highest good.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May Almighty God bless you, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.