

# PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

## Second Sunday in Lent

1st March 2026

Parish Office, Drumkeeran - 964 8025 ~ Parish Administrator - Fr P Casey 916 4143

Neighbouring Priest: Fr T Mannion 964 3014

### Masses

<b>Sat 28th Feb</b>	7:00pm	<b>Creevelea.</b>
	8:00pm	<b>Mary, Mother of God Church, Newtownmanor.</b>
<b>Sun 1st Mar</b>	10:00am	<b>Drumkeeran.</b> John & Kathleen McHugh, Glasdrummon. Mary & Len Dolley.
	11:30am	<b>St Patrick's Church, Dromahair.</b>
<b>Mon 2nd Mar</b>	6:00pm	<b>Drumkeeran.</b> Exposition.
	7:00pm	<b>Drumkeeran.</b> Retirement Celebration Mass for Fr Tom McManus with reception in Drumkeeran Community Centre afterwards.
<b>Tues 3rd Mar</b>		NO WEEKDAY MASSES - Fr Paul away.
<b>Sat 7th Mar</b>	8:00pm	<b>St Brigid's Killargue.</b>
<b>Sun 8th Mar</b>	10:00am	<b>Drumkeeran.</b> Cathal & Mary Keaveney, Moneenreave & the Keaveney & Flynn Families. Elizabeth & Mannix Forde & Michael Guighan & Deceased of the Forde & Guighan Families. Gerard McKenna, Sheena.

### Sunday Mass Times in Neighbouring Parishes/Churches:

Mullies at 9:00am, Killavoggy at 10:00am, Ballintogher at 11:30am, Manorhamilton at 11:30am

**Pray for:** We continue to remember in our prayers all those who have died, including the recently deceased; Geraldine Harkin, née Heraghty, Treenadullagh, Drumkeerin. May she rest in peace.

Notices can be sent in to [newsletter@inishmagrath.com](mailto:newsletter@inishmagrath.com) for inclusion, subject to review and adjustments as space allows.

All notices should be received by 10:30am on Friday morning to be included in that week's newsletter, thank you.

We also have a website at [www.inishmagrath.com](http://www.inishmagrath.com) and we are on Facebook under Parish of Inishmagrath.

### Thought for the Day

**Matthew 17:1-9**

'Lent is like a long "retreat" during which we can turn back into ourselves and listen to the voice of God, in order to defeat the temptations of the Evil One.

It is a period of spiritual "combat" which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God and penance.

In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our Baptism.'

*Pope Benedict XVI*

### Diocese of Kilmore:

- Liturgy Workshop – Preparing for Holy Week & Easter. A Liturgy Workshop led by Fr Turlough Baxter will take place on Sat 7 Mar, from 10:00am to 4:00pm in the Pastoral Centre, Cullies, Cavan. This day will be especially helpful for parish liturgy groups, choirs, Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist, and all involved in preparing the Easter ceremonies. We will reflect on how and why we celebrate the Sacred Liturgies of Holy Week and share practical ideas for thoughtful planning. Fr Turlough will be joined by Derek Mahady, Irish choral conductor, singer, pianist and music educator, who will offer practical guidance and creative ideas for music during Holy Week and Easter. His input will be especially valuable for parish choirs and music ministers. Lunch will be available. Registration is essential. Please email [pastoralservices@kilmorediocese.ie](mailto:pastoralservices@kilmorediocese.ie) with your name to register.
- Kilmore Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place this year 5th to the 10th of May. To book a place please contact Cavan Travel on 049 4361222. Pilgrims who need assistance please contact Fr Tom Mannion on 087 9170879.
- A concert with Gospel and Country singer Owen Mac and his band will take place in Saint Clare's Church Manorhamilton on Sun 26 April. This is a fundraising concert to help bring Assisted pilgrims to Lourdes. Your support would be much appreciated. Tickets are €20 and are available from the Parochial House, Manorhamilton and Eventbrite where an extra charge applies. If you have any difficulty, please contact me 0879170879, Fr Tom Mannion.

**Retirement Mass:** On Mon 2 Mar we will celebrate Fr Tom's retirement from the Parish of Inishmagrath, the evening will begin with Mass in Drumkeeran Church at 7:00pm with a reception afterwards and an opportunity to say farewell to Fr Tom. Should you wish to leave a card or a gift there will be a collection box at the Community Centre. All are welcome to join us for this event.

### **Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood in the Diocese of Kilmore**

Loving God, our need for Vocations to the priesthood in our diocese is great.

In a busy world it is difficult for people to hear and respond to your gentle but insistent call.

We pray for the gift of courage, generosity and faith in the hearts of those you call.

We beg you, Lord, for the gift of new vocations to the priesthood in our diocese.

In your fatherly care, accompany those who are seeking to do your will in their lives.

Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

*(Composed by Fr Ultan McGoohan, Diocesan Vocations Director.)*

### **Moving Forward as we begin Lent together...**

My God, sometimes I do not want to grow, to move forward in freedom, to leave my comfortable captivity.

I cling to the familiar smallness of my own world, pulling back from the vast wilderness of the exodus journey.

Help me to open to the stretching of Your Spirit; to allow my heart to be expanded beyond my immediate comfort and control.

Lead me into that larger life, that wide land of plenty where my narrow self can blossom with new life.

Enlarge my heart, O God; fill me with your boundless love.

*Catherine of Sienna.*

### **Church Minister for March:**

#### **Readers**

Drumkeeran Church	Sharon Harrison.	(Readings are available in each Church Sacristy.)
Tarmon Church	Blaithín McPartlan.	
Creevelea Church	John McTernan.	

#### **Collectors**

Drumkeeran Church	Séan Gallagher, Desmond Wynne, Veronica McTiernan, Mary McHugh.
Tarmon Church	Volunteers required.
Creevelea Church	Volunteers required.

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Drumkeeran Church	Paddy-Joe McTiernan, Josephine White
Tarmon Church	Volunteer required.
Creevelea Church	Paddy McMorrow.

**A Lenten Resource for All:** As we prepare for Lent, "Baptised & Sent" is being offered to parishioners throughout the diocese as a simple and accessible way to engage with faith during the Lenten season. This resource is for everyone; individuals, families, parish groups, and anyone interested in reflecting more deeply on what it means to be baptised and sent to live the Gospel in daily life. The programme will be used during Lent, with materials suitable for personal reflection as well as group discussion.

### **Parish Dates for your diary 2026:**

First Confessions, Drumkeeran NS and Tarmon NS - Wed 25 Mar at 7:00pm in Drumkeeran Church.

First Communion, Sat 9 May at 5:00pm in Tarmon Church for Tarmon NS.

Confirmation, Sat 16 May at 11:00am in Drumkeeran Church for Drumkeeran and Dromahair.

First Communion, Sun 24 May at 10:00am in Drumkeeran Church for Drumkeeran NS.

Blessing of the Graves, Aughaloughy Cemetery - after 10:00am Mass in Drumkeeran Church on Sun 19 July.

Kilbride Cemetery - after 10:00am Mass in Drumkeeran Church on Sun 26 July.

Drumkeeran Cemetery - after 10:00am in Drumkeeran Church Mass on Sun 2 Aug.

Curragh's Cemetery - after 10:00am Mass in Tarmon Church on Sun 9 Aug.

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**The Organic Centre:** Potato Day, this Sun 1 March from 12:00pm until 4:00pm at the Organic Centre, Rossinver, Leitrim. Enjoy our onsite craft and food market. Tours, talks and demonstrations. Quality seed potatoes for sale. Music & children's entertainment. Cafe open. Free entry. All welcome.

**The County Leitrim Percy French Society:** Will present their show 'Remember me is all I ask'; the songs, recitations and parodies of the great Irish composer Percy French in the Hunt Hall, Mohill, Co. Leitrim on Thurs 5 March at 8:00pm. Proceeds to St Mary's Parish. If you are looking for an evening of simple fun, then come along, sing along and enjoy!

**Ballintogher Feis:** Music, Song & Story on Sun 22 March in Ballintogher Enterprise Centre (F91C2HT). Music at 10:00am followed by singing and storytelling. See full programme and details at [www.ballintogherfest.ie](http://www.ballintogherfest.ie) and [www.ceolnanogorchestra.com](http://www.ceolnanogorchestra.com). Enquires to either 0876645509 or 0862435653.