

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Second Sunday of Lent

16th March 2025

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 15th Mar	7:00pm	Creevelea	Annie & John McTiernan & Nephews, John & Aidan.
Sun 16th Mar	11:15am	Drumkeeran	John & Paul McPadden.
Mon 17th Mar	11:15am	Drumkeeran	St Patrick's Day Mass. Peter Curnan & Deceased of the Curnan Family. NO ADORATION at 6pm this week.
Tue 18th Mar	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	
Wed 19th Mar	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Thurs 20th Mar	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 21st Mar	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sat 22nd Mar	7:00pm	Creevelea	
Sun 23rd Mar	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Bernie, Mick & Sinéad Hanly.

Landline Phone: The landline at the Parochial House has been out of order for the last week; until it is repaired please contact Fr Tom on his mobile number, 087 797 2268.

Confession: Available after weekday Masses and anytime on request.

Finance Committee Meeting: The committee met last week and discussed the following matters:

1. Church Bank Balances.
2. Collections and envelopes - After consultation via survey, envelopes will remain.
3. New Heating System in Drumkeeran Church.
4. Storm damage - the damaged that occurred has now been repaired.
5. Bio-Diversity project - a consultation is in process.
6. Extension to Currags cemetery.
7. Astro Turf Pitch at Primary School - the prize draw takes place live, this Sunday at 7:30pm on Facebook.
8. Painting inside and outside of Tarmon Church.

Pray For: Peter McHugh, Longford, brother of Thomas McHugh. Peter's funeral took place on Sat 15 March in St Mel's Cathedral. May Peter's soul rest in peace with the Lord.

Congratulations: To Catherine McLoughlin and Jason McPartlin who were married in St Brigid's Church, Drumkeeran on Sat 7 Mar. May they know God's blessings all through a long and happily married life.

Novena of Hope: Will be held at The Graan from Sat 22 Mar at 6:30pm until Mon 31 March. Please see the posters on the noticeboards.

Catholic Mothers Ireland Retreat Day: Join us for a day of Spiritual Restoration, Inspiring Talks, Holy Mass, Prayer and Confession in Gillooly Hall, Sligo Town, Co. Sligo on Sat 3 May. This all-day Retreat will run from 10:00am until 6:00pm. Email catholicmothers@outlook.ie for more information or to book your place.

St Patrick's Day Collection: "Some give by going, others go by giving". Your generosity to the St Patrick's Day collection will help support;

- St Paul's Missionary Society and Minna Diocese, Nigeria.
- Irish missionaries working in African countries.
- Provide support to the Irish Emigrant Chaplaincy abroad.

We would appeal for your continued generosity in this year's collection, thank you.

Points to Ponder:

Luke 5:1-11

Where did Patrick find the courage and confidence he needed to do what was asked of him? And, more pertinently: where can we find ours? In his 'Confessio' he tells us that he prayed a lot and he explains that thereby the Holy Spirit took complete control of him. He writes: "I believe it was Christ my Lord who came to my assistance, and that it was His Spirit, not myself, who was already, calling out on my behalf". The whole of the 'Confessio' is punctuated by Patrick's testimony about his constant recourse to prayer, humble prayer. In his prayer Patrick expressed his hope and trust in God. He doesn't blow his own trumpet at any point. He writes: "I owe everything to the Lord. It was by His grace working through me that many people were born again to God, and soon after that they were confirmed". Elsewhere he writes: "People can laugh and sneer at me if they like". And yet again he comes back on his own littleness and weakness, speaking about how God overlooked his foolishness and negligence. He tells us: "Even though I was hand-picked as His helper, I was slow enough on the uptake about what was being revealed to me by the inspirations of the Holy Spirit. Time out of number the Lord had pity on me, for he saw that my heart was in the right place. (...) I have to admit I was slow to grasp how much grace was in me". Patrick's whole purpose in sharing his experience is to encourage others, to encourage us. It is to turn us in the right direction: in the direction of God's grace and power which shines forth in weakness.

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Thought for the Day:

The prayer of St Patrick for his people:

May the Strength of God guide us.

May the Power of God preserve us.

May the Wisdom of God instruct us.

May the Hand of God protect us.

May the Way of God direct us.

May the Shield of God defend us.

May the Angels of God guard us.

Against the snares of the evil one.

May Christ be with us!

May Christ be before us!

May Christ be in us,

Christ be over all!

May your Grace, Lord,

Always be ours,

This day, O Lord, and forevermore.

Amen.

Drumkeerin NS: As we approach the draws main event this Sunday 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 until 2:00pm this Sunday by visiting; <https://www.idonate.ie/raffle/StBrigidNSDrumkeerinRaffle>. Please support your local school. You can watch the draw live on their Facebook page.

St. Patrick's Day Parade: Drumkeerin will have a St. Patrick's Day parade this year on Sun 16 March at 5pm.

Irish Conversation Class for Beginners / Improvers: To be held in Ballintogher Enterprise Centre - F91 C2HT on Thursday evenings, commencing shortly. Supported by ETB. To register, please contact - 087 6645509 by return or Email ballintogherhub@yahoo.com.