

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd February 2025

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

Neighbouring Priests: Fr T Mannion 964 3014 - Fr P Casey 916 4143 -

Fr Loughlain Carolan 985 3012

Masses

Sat 22nd Feb	7:00pm	Creevelea	Seamus Horan.
Sun 23rd Feb	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Peter Foley (10th Anniversary). Michael Wynne.
Mon 24th Feb	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration.
	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	Mass.
Tue 25th Feb	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	
Wed 26th Feb	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Thurs 27th Feb	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 28th Feb	7:00pm	Tarmon	Eileen, Jim & Thomas McKenna.
Sat 1st Mar	7:00pm	Creevelea	For All Parishioners.
Sun 2nd Mar	11:15am	Drumkeeran	For All Parishioners.

Confession: Available after weekday Masses and anytime on request.

Kilmore Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: There will be an Assisted Pilgrims Collection to support their trip to Lourdes. You can contribute by giving a donation in an ordinary envelope with your name or envelope number written on it. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend: The next weekend will be held at Knock, starting on Fri 28 Mar to Sun 30 Mar. The best gift you'll ever give to each other. Book now at www.marriageencounter.ie.

Opening the Bible – An online Lenten Programme: Starts: Mon 3 Mar from 8:00pm to 9:15pm and continues on Tues 11th, 18th, 25th and 1st and 8th April 2025. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, a time of renewal and spiritual growth, the Pastoral Team of the Kilmore Diocese invites you to explore Scripture through a series of programmes throughout 2025. We begin with our Lenten programme, Opening the Bible, from the Tarsus Scripture School. This course is designed for anyone who wants to know more about how the Bible came about, what books are in it, and why it is God's Word. Through six insightful video sessions, followed by time for discussion, we'll guide you in opening the Bible and discovering its life-changing message. The programme will be held online, and you'll need a Zoom link to join the sessions. Whether you're new to Scripture or seeking a fresh perspective, this is a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith and hope this Lent. All are welcome! For details and to register for your Zoom link, contact Martina Gilmartin at pastoralservices@kilmorediocese.ie. Let's journey together in faith this Lent!

Church Ministers for March:

Readers: Creevelea Church - Volunteer wanted.

Drumkeeran Church - Mary Bohan.

Eucharistic Ministers: Creevelea Church - Paddy McMorrough, Mary Kerins.

Drumkeeran Church - Patrick J McTiernan, Paddy J Daly, Mona Travers.

Collectors: Creevelea Church - Volunteers wanted.

Drumkeeran Church - Sean Gallagher, Desmond Wynne, Veronica McTiernan,

Mary McHugh.

Points to Ponder:

Luke 6:27-38

The ultimate call from Jesus is: 'Do unto others as you would have them do to you.' Today Jesus is calling us to examine ourselves and ask: Do I do unto others as I would like them to do unto me?

Most likely, each one of us has been wounded, betrayed or rejected at differing times in our lives. If this person was a friend, this wounding typically is amplified since we trusted this individual. However, each one of us also has wounded or betrayed individuals in our life. It is all part of our human condition.

When Jesus instructs us to love our enemies, He does not mean that this person should become one of my best friends. Jesus understands that forgiving is first a decision. However, it also is a process. The path to forgiveness may take a long time, and understandably so. However, we have to choose to take the first step. No one can force us to take this step; we are the only ones who can make this decision. And in reality, it may take a long time before we are ready and willing to begin the process of forgiveness.

Jesus doesn't ask for miracles nor does He want 'play' forgiveness. He continually invites us not only to free the individual who wounded us, but also to free ourselves from the pain, anger and hurt that binds us. Jesus is patient and yet persistent. He continually invites us and calls us to forgive. Perhaps today we can take one small step in this direction.

Sister Kristina Anne Harpenau OSB

Drumkeerin NS: As we approach the draws main event 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 by visiting; <https://www.idonate.ie/raffle/StBrigidsNSDrumkeerinRaffle>. Please support your local school.

National School Enrolments:

St Brigid's NS, Drumkeeran is now open for enrolments for the upcoming 2025/26 academic year. Please contact the school for an application form on, drumkeerinns@gmail.com.

St Patrick's NS, Tarmon are accepting enrolments; please contact the school at stpatsnstarmon@gmail.com for an enrolment pack. Our open evening takes place Tues 25 Feb from 5:00pm until 7:00pm at the school.

St. Patrick's Day Parade: Great to hear Drumkeerin will have a St. Patrick's Day parade this year, not on 17th March but on Sun 16 March at 5pm. Business, organisations, committees etc. are invited to enter a float. If interested contact Eamon Harrison. More details to follow.

Public Consultation Meeting: Will be held in Killargue Community Centre, F91 EP90 on Mon 24 Feb at 8:00pm to discuss the impact of storm Éowyn. Public representatives and bodies have been invited. Please support.