## **PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH**

# **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

25th May 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 24th May	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sun 25th May		Drumkeeran	First Communions.
,			Marie McTernan.
Mon 26th May	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration.
,	7:00pm		Mass.
Tue 27th May	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	
Wed 28th May	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Thurs 29th May	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 30th May	7:00pm	Creevelea	Kevin Fallon.
Sat 31st May	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sun 1st June	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Eamonn O'Grady (1st Anniversary).
			Packie McPartlan, Derrycullinan.
			John & Mary Grogan & Deceased of the Grogan &
			Gallagher Families.

Confession: Available after weekday Masses and anytime on request.

**Trócaire:** A big thank you to all who contributed, we raised €3618.50 in total.

**Congratulations:** On their recent marriage to Thomas McPartlan and Siobhan McKenna who were married in Maghera on Fri 9 May. Thomas is the son of Margaret and the late Packie. We welcome Siobhan to Drumkeeran and offer prayers for the couple as they settle into married life in their new home in Derrycullinan.

**Diocesan Vocations and Support Services Collection**: It's not too late to make your contribution, please send in your donation as this collection is for the training of priests, safeguarding, marriage preparation courses and marriage support, diocesan staff, etc. Thanks to all who have already helped.

**Jubilee Year of Hope 2025:** Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Martin Hayes on Trinity Island on Trinity Sun 15 June at 3:00pm. All welcome!

**Glenade Parish Pastoral Council:** Our Parish Priest Rev. Fr John Phair P.P. is celebrating his Golden Jubilee next month having been ordained to the Priesthood in 1975. To mark the occasion there will be a Concelebrated Mass in Kinlough on Sat 7 June at 7:00pm. The Concelebrated Mass on 7th June will be a Dual Celebration. We will also be celebrating the 60th Anniversary of our former Parish Priest, Fr Thomas Keogan's Ordination to the Priesthood. After 7pm Mass there will be refreshments and presentations in local Community Centre in Kinlough.

**Biodiversity Project:** Parishes are being encouraged to set aside 30% of land biodiversity. The RSS Scheme will help in the work and we will get help from Leitrim Development and Leitrim County Council. We will need parishioners who have an interest in gardening, or are keen to learn; to also help out. If you are interested, please give Fr Tom your name and contact number and we can meet as a group to organise this project. We will start at Drumkeeran Church and see how it works there and then include Tarmon and Creevelea Church areas.

#### **Church Ministers for June:**

Readers: Tarmon Church - Volunteers needed.

Drumkeeran Church - Shannon O'Grady.

Eucharistic Ministers Tarmon Church - Volunteers needed.

Drumkeeran Church - Josephine White, Carmel Wynne,

Margaret McPartlan.

Collectors: Tarmon Church - The McGee Family.

Drumkeeran Church - John McPartland, Gabriel Clarke,

Teresa Devitt, Margaret McPartlan.

Altar Society: Tarmon Church - Brian Keane.

### Points to Ponder: John 14:23-29

When someone we love leaves us, it's natural for us to not want to see them go, but if we really love them, we have to let them go. Real love allows us to release those we care about. When we try to hang on to the ones we love, we are being selfish. Jesus was preparing to die and eventually return to His Father, but the disciples did not want Him to leave. He urged them to rejoice because He was leaving. His departure would allow the disciples and all believers to do great things, including growing Christianity.

Jesus was more concerned for the disciples than He was for himself. He reassured them that they would not be alone. He promised them peace and hope-the same peace and hope He offers to all believers.

There are times when we feel alone and we don't know what will happen to us. We could be stranded in a strange town with a broken-down car. Our spouse has just died and our future looks bleak. You've lost your job and you have no idea what to do next. At times like these it's natural for us to ask ourselves, 'What's to become of me?' How do we take care of ourselves in such moments? For us as Christians, the answer is clear. God wants us to trust in Him. When we do, we will receive both the Holy Spirit and God's peace.

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## Thought for the Day:

Prayer before Examinations: Loving God, be with me now as I prepare for my exams. Thanks you for the many talents, gifts and the opportunity of education you have given me. Calm my nerves and anxiety, help me to remember all that I have studied, to express it clearly and to answer the questions to the very best of my ability. Holy Spirit, be with me in my exams; and always. Amen.

**Drumkeerin NS:** We are holding a Cash 4 Clobber collection on Thurs 29 May; please drop your black bags off at school by Wed 28 May. The company only accepts clean, dry clothes, matched pairs of shoes, handbags, belts - they do not accept pillows or duvets for hygiene reasons.

**Packie McPartlan Memorial Run/Walk:** The Packie McPartlan Memorial 8K Run & Walk will take place in Drumkeerin on Sat 31 May at 5:30pm. Registration from 4:15pm in Drumkeerin Community Centre. The race will be timed and chipped. The event is organised in association with the North Leitrim Athletics Club. All proceeds from the event will go to 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 <a href="www.johnmckenna.ie">www.johnmckenna.ie</a> or email <a href="info@johnmckenna.ie">info@johnmckenna.ie</a> for more information. <a href="Leitrim Gathering:">Leitrim Gathering:</a> Drumkeeran Tidy Towns and Youth Club are celebrating on Sun 25 May from 12noon to 6:00pm with a day out for the whole family. Starting at 12 in the Old Courthouse with a history presentation on Drumkeeran by Pat Duignan, Mickey Harrisa and Teresa McVeigh. There will be music on the street by the Balaclavas and new young band Dul Arís plus lots of other entertainment. This is a free event so come along and have some fun.