

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Third Sunday of Lent

23rd 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 22nd Mar	7:00pm	Creevelea	Patrick McVeigh.
Sun 23rd Mar	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Bernie, Mick & Sinéad Hanly.
Mon 24th Mar	6:00pm 7:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration. Mass.
Tue 25th Mar	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	
Wed 26th Mar	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Thurs 27th Mar	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 28th Mar	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sat 29th Mar	7:00pm	Creevelea	
Sun 30th Mar	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Michael Rogan (Snr). Mother's Day - We pray for all Mothers. Summertime begins - Clocks go forwards 1 hour.

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

Confession: Available after weekday Masses and anytime on request.

Pray For: Annie McMorrow (née Stankard), Glasdrummond Mór whose funeral took place in St Brigid's Church, Creevelea on Wed 19 March. May Annie's gentle soul rest in peace with the Lord.

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.

St Patrick's Day Collection: Thanks to all who have brought in a contribution.

Summer Time Begins: With the going forwards of the clocks on the 30th March, the Saturday Vigil Mass will be returning to St Patrick's Church, Tarmon from Sat 5 April and will be there for the next 6 months.

The Order of the Knights of St Columbanus: Are having an open night on Tues 25 Mar at The Hive (N41FD83) in Carrick on Shannon starting at 8:00pm. For more information about this evening or this Fraternal Order, please contact Ciarán on 086 602 7126, attendance by pre-arrangement only.

Points to Ponder:

Real repentance is a reflection about whatever is unfruitful in our lifestyle. Jesus' words 'Repent or you will perish' remind us of what Socrates said at his trial, after he had opted for death rather than exile: 'The un-examined life is not worth living.' The parable of the fruitless fig tree is thought-provoking. It is not about doing wrong but about failure to do what is positively right. The fig tree that bore no fruit is like a Christian who attempts no good work and lives a purely selfish life.

Francis of Assisi once invited a young friar to go with him into town to preach. Francis and the young friar spent all day walking through the streets and then came home. When the day's journey was done, the young friar was disappointed and asked 'Weren't we supposed to preach today?' Francis replied, 'Son, we have preached. We were preaching while we were walking. We were seen by many and our behaviour was noted. It is of no use walking anywhere to preach unless we preach wherever as we walk!' He summed up his idea in these words 'Preach the Gospel everywhere, and if necessary, use words.' To him witnessing to Jesus wasn't merely quoting some words out of the Bible from time to time but one who lives by the word of God each day.

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Thought for the Day:

At Lent, we should try the key to our heart's door, it may have gathered rust. If so, this is the time to oil it, in order that the heart's door may open more easily when the Lord Jesus wants to enter at Easter time! Lord, oil the hinges of our heart's door that they may swing gently and easily to welcome your coming.

Diocese of Ossory Lent Resources

Drumkeerin NS: The Board of Management, the staff and the children would like to thank you all for your support in their recent fundraising endeavour towards the cost of a new astro turf pitch for the school. More information is up on their Facebook page at St Brigid's National School Drumkeeran. If you didn't get chance to buy a ticket for the raffle but would like to support the fundraiser you can still donate at; <https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/StBrigidNationalSchoolDrumkeerin24>. All donations, no matter how small would be a great help.

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.

Aughawillan Drama: Are presenting "Big Splash Small Fish" - a comedy by Jim Keane please send a text to 087 648 6804 to book your seats, tickets are €15 euro and curtain goes up at 8:30pm sharp. Showing on Thurs 27th, Fri 28th, Sat 29th and Sun 30th March, doors open at 8:00pm. Aughawillan Hall can be found using Eircode N41 E082.

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.