

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Second Sunday of Advent

10th December 2023

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Masses

Sat 9th Dec	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sun 10th Dec	10:00am	Creevelea	Stephen & Kathleen McNama. James Doherty & Deceased Family & Peter Gallagher, Corderry.
	11:15am	Drumkeeran	
Mon 11th Dec	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration until 6:50pm.
	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	
Tue 12th Dec	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	
Wed 13th Dec	10:00am	Creevelea	
Thurs 14th Dec	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 15th Dec	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sat 16th Dec	7:00pm	Tarmon	John Williams.
Sun 17th Dec	10:00am	Creevelea	Tom & Brigid Gallagher.
	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Brigid Wynne (3rd Anniversary).

Confession: Available after weekday Mass or on request.

Drumkeeran Church Choir: Practise will be held on Mon 11 and Mon 18 Dec at 8:00pm in the church.

Church Collections: Thanks to all who help in these collections during the Church year, the monthly dues pays the Priest. The weekly envelopes for the offertory collection go to the up-keep of the local church. As the Church year (A) is now over; you may wish to pay the above by cheque, please note the following:

Dues - are paid with "Priests Revenue Account" as the payee.

Offertory - Drumkeeran go to "Drumkeeran Church Account".

Creevelea go to "Creevelea Church Account".

Tarmon go to "Tarmon Church Account".

Alternatively you can use the iDonate button on the website (redirects to the Kilmore website) and make which account you are paying into clear in the payment reference. Thank you.

Envelopes 2024: The boxes of envelopes for 2024 are now available in each church, during the time liturgies are being held, please collect your box; you may also bring your neighbours their box. I would ask the Finance and Pastoral Committee members to help parishioners get their boxes. If there is anyone in any of the church areas that would like to get their own envelopes and help their local church financially please ask Fr Tom.

Newsletter: Please see www.inishmagrath.com for more articles.

Tarmon NS: The children will help out in the Liturgy on Sat 23 Dec at the 7:00pm Mass. They will be involved in the choir and in the Prayers of the Faithful. As Tarmon NS has a small number of pupils, they would like help from the previous few year's pupils. Please help if you are able to join in with this Mass.

Flowers for Christmas: If you want to help decorate the churches for Christmas you can give a donation to the Sacristan in your local church; Kathleen Rynn in Tarmon, Ann McDonagh in Drumkeeran and Peggy Horan in Creevelea. Thank you.

Thought for the Day:

The difference between the secular and Catholic understandings of Advent can be profound. For the world, it is a time to seemingly celebrate Christmas in advance, to rush to the finish line of December 25th, and move on. For the Catholic person, we wait in joyful anticipation and inch closer and closer to this great celebration of Christ's Nativity. Once we're there, we take time to be enveloped by the mystery of God's own Son coming to us in the fullness of time. Then we set of anew into the rest of our year: travelling through Judea, walking after the Cross, and eventually celebrating Jesus' universal kingship again before the cycle repeats.

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Society of St Vincent de Paul: This weekend we will be taking up our annual Christmas collection. In the past your generous support has enabled us to help people in difficulties with rent arrears, oil, fuel, electricity, food and school and transport related expenses. There are SVP envelopes at the back of the Church which can be used for donations. They can be given to the SVP collection next Sunday, left in the SVP safe at the back of Drumkeeran Church or left in the SVP box in Drumkeeran post office Anyone wishing to contact us can do so on 085 7764431; We ask for your generous support. We are a completely confidential service.

Drumkeerin Pre-Christmas Mini Festival: On Sun 10 Dec at 8:00pm (change of time), there will be a Variety Concert in Drumkeerin Community Centre. A great nights entertainment in store with singing, recitation, dancing and some comedy all performed by locals.

John McKenna Traditional Society: We would like to thank everyone who supported the commemorative concert last weekend. To date the money raised is €2620. This is going to be divided equally between the Irish Cancer Society and North West Hospice. If anyone else would like to contribute please contact any member of the Society. The 18th edition of Drumkeerin photo tribute and 2024 calendar will be available locally and online this weekend.

Christmas Church Concert: Spreading the Joy of Christmas with Songs & Carols, featuring the St. Michael's and St. Patrick's Church Choirs and with Special Guest's the Cavan Rugby Male Voice Choir, in St. Michael's Church, Cootehill, on Sun 17 Dec at 7:30pm sharp. (Doors open 7pm) Please bring a cushion!

Carol Service: Please join St Clare's Church choirs together with the Sligo Orpheus Choir for a Christmas Carol Service in St Clare's Church, Manorhamilton on Thurs 14 Dec at 8:00pm. Retiring collection in aid of the Áras Breffni Comfort Fund.