

# PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

## The Baptism of the Lord

12th January 2025

Jubilee Year of Hope

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### Masses

Sat 11th Jan	7:00pm	Creevelea	Kathleen O'Brien (2nd Anniversary).
Sun 12th Jan	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Brendan Davitt. Kevie Harkin.
Mon 13th Jan	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration.
	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	Mass.
	8:00pm	Drumkeeran	Choir Practice.
Tue 14th Jan	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	
Wed 15th Jan	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Thurs 16th Jan	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 17th Jan	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sat 18th Jan	7:00pm	Creevelea	Martina & Margaret Gaffney & Rose Ann & Bernadette Gaffney & Deceased Family.
Sun 19th Jan	11:15am	Drumkeeran	

**Confession:** Available after weekday Masses and anytime on request.

**Choir Practice:** Will be held in Drumkeeran church on Mon 13 Jan at 8:00pm, all welcome to come along and join the choir, a new challenge for the New Year.

**Jubilee Year 2025:** In preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025, themed Pilgrims of Hope, which officially began on Christmas Eve at 7:00pm with the opening of the Holy Door at Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, the Catholic Bishops of Ireland have launched an official Jubilee page on [www.CatholicBishops.ie](http://www.CatholicBishops.ie). This dedicated page will serve as a central hub for all Jubilee related updates about events and activities taking place both in Ireland and around the world. For the latest updates and newly added resources, visit the page regularly or follow the Catholic Bishops' social media channels. X, Facebook, Instagram, Bluesky.

**Drumkeerin NS:** 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/StBrigidNSDrumkeerinRaffle>.

**The Priory Institute:** Study Theology Online, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before Tues 11 Feb. Find out more on our website, [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com).

### The Jubilee of Hope Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.  
To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

### Points to Ponder:

**Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

Most of us who were baptised as infants cannot remember the moment of our baptism. Fortunately, we have an abundance of symbols and rituals to anchor us in our 'baptismal memory'. When we pass by the baptismal font in our Church we can 'remember' our baptism. Anytime we have the pleasure of being in the congregation at a baptism ceremony we can 'remember' our baptism. We can look at photographs or take out the family christening gown or baptismal candle to have a visual reminder of our initiation into the Christian faith. But most significantly whenever we turn to one of the Gospel passages that tell the story of Jesus' baptism we can 'remember' our baptism in an especially powerful way. The simple act of entering a Catholic Church and blessing ourselves with water from the font at the entrance is a way of remembering our baptismal commitment. And it makes even more sense to put water on our foreheads as we leave the Church and go out into the world; for there the battles are fought. This is a month in which many of us are feeling overwhelmed. In January, the holidays are over and the bills are looming. Some people are dealing with a variety of post-holiday emotions; others already feel that they have failed in their new year's resolutions. The message of Jesus' baptism and a reminder of our own is needed at a time such as this: 'Lord we are yours, help us to know it, to know it in the depth of our hearts and to act accordingly.'  
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**Job Opportunity:** Driver/Kitchen Assistant part-time for Mo Chairde Day Centre. Full clean Driving Licence is essential and experience of working with older people is desirable. For further details and job description visit; [www.rosleaderpartnership.ie/](http://www.rosleaderpartnership.ie/) recruitment. Email your CV and cover letter to [recruitment@ridc.ie](mailto:recruitment@ridc.ie).

**Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme 2024/2025:** Its aim is to encourage the cutting of roadside hedges/trees along the Public Road Network. Open to all, individual applicants, communities and groups. The Grant is €75 per km (with a min of 1km per applicant). A new additional Grant of €50 per 10 trees per km has been introduced to encourage the cutting of dangerous overhanging tree canopies/branches along the public road network (This would be a maximum of €125 per km). Further information/application forms from [www.leitrimcoco.ie](http://www.leitrimcoco.ie) or by contacting the Roads Department by e-mail: [roads@leitrimcoco.ie](mailto:roads@leitrimcoco.ie) or Telephone 071 9620005 Ext. 630. Closing Date is 31st January 2025.