

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

First Sunday of Advent

30th November 2025

Parish Office, Drumkeeran - 964 8025 ~ Parish Administrator - Fr P Casey 916 4143

Neighbouring Priest: Fr T Mannion 964 3014

Masses

Sat 29th Nov	7:00pm	5th Saturday - No Mass.	
	8:00pm	5th Saturday - No Mass.	
Sun 30th Nov	10:00am	Drumkeeran.	Michael & Colm O'Brien. Tom & Bridget Gallagher, Townahoney, Creevelea.
	11:30am	St Patrick's Church, Dromahair.	
Mon 1st Dec	6:00pm	Drumkeeran.	Exposition.
Tues 2nd Dec	11:00am	Áras Bhríde.	
	7:00pm	St Brigid's Church, Killargue - Exposition with Mass at 8:00pm.	
Wed 3rd Dec	9:30am	St Patrick's Church, Dromahair.	
Thur 4th Dec	10:00am	Drumkeeran.	
	7:00pm	Mary, Mother of God Church, Newtownmanor - Exposition with Mass at 8:00pm.	
Fri 5th Dec	7:00pm	Creevelea.	John Williams.
Sat 6th Dec	7:00pm	Tarmon.	Packie & Annie McKenna. Francie & Katie Flynn, Cartron Beg.
	8:00pm	St Brigid's, Killargue.	
Sun 7th Dec	10:00am	Drumkeeran.	
	11:30am	St Patrick's Church, Dromahair.	

Parish Finance Committee: The rescheduled Finance Committee meeting will take place on Tues 2 Dec at 9:00pm in the Parochial House, would all members please attend or send apologies to Angela_inishmagrath@outlook.com. Thanks.

2025 Collections: Can we respectfully ask that any outstanding dues envelopes or other collections be brought in to your church area as soon as possible please and thank you to all who have theirs in already, your continued financial support of the Parish is essential and greatly appreciated. 2026 collection envelopes will be available for collection in the coming weeks.

Primary School Survey 2025: The current Department of Education survey on the future of patronage in the primary sector is important in that it will shape the discussion on primary school divesting for the years to come throughout the Republic of Ireland.

It is important that those who wish for a change in patronage would have their voice heard. It is equally important that those who wish for a Catholic Education for their children and for those who would wish for Sacramental preparation within school would have their voice heard also. For those reasons and to ensure that an accurate picture emerges, please participate in this survey if you are a parent or a prospective parent of a primary school student. The survey can be accessed at www.gov.ie/primaryschools/survey.

Sliabh an Iarainn History Talk: A talk titled 'Dancing at Lughnasa: Bilberry Sunday on Sliabh an Iarainn' will be given by Fr Liam Kelly in the Crannóg Room, Island Theatre, Ballinamore on Wed 3 Dec at 8:00pm. All are welcome.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul: We will hold our annual Christmas Collection in Tarmon after Mass on Sat 6 Dec; and in Drumkeeran after Mass on Sun 14 Dec. There will be envelopes at the back of the local Churches which can be returned in the collection baskets or left in the locked box in the lobby at the back of Drumkeeran Church. For anyone in need, we can be contacted at 085 776 4431 all contact is strictly confidential. We are truly grateful for your support and hope that you can donate generously.

Thought for the Day:

Matthew 24:37-44

It might seem odd that Advent begins, not with preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas, but His coming for us at the end of life's journey. Yet life is a journey from God our Creator back to God our final destiny. When this large circle of life is forgotten, life becomes a directionless succession of unconnected moments. The digital watch represents the mind of many today as it shows no past or future but only the dancing digit of the present moment. Without roots in the past or vision of the future, one lives only for the present moment. And if this collapses, as in a broken relationship or some defeat, everything falls apart.

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Ministers for December:

Collectors - Drumkeeran: Darina McWeeney, Gabriel Clarke, Mary Louise McCabe, Margaret McPartlan.

Tarmon: Paddy McPadden, Gerry Rynn.

Readers - Drumkeeran: John Brennan.

Tarmon: Tommy McLoughlin, Ann Foley.

Creevelea: John McTernan.

Eucharistic Ministers - Drumkeeran: Patrick Joseph McTiernan, Mona Travers, Paddy Joe Daly.

Creevelea: Paddy McMorrow, Mary Kerins.

Tarmon:

Spreading the Joy of Christmas: With Songs & Carols in St. Michael's Church, Cootehill Sun 7 Dec at 7:00pm. Led by Fr, John Cooney P.P. Please join us for a magical musical evening with the choirs from St. Michael's Church, Cootehill, St Patrick's Church Maudabawn and the Children's choir and special guests - Tommy & Jimmy Swarbrigg. Voluntary subscription at the door. Everyone is welcome.

25 Card Game: Drumkeeran GAA Club are running a 25 card game every Sunday evening starting this Sun 30 Nov in their club rooms from 7:00pm until 9:00pm. Winners will receive a Turkey. Please support.

North Leitrim Women's Centre: The NLWC Christmas Market will be held on Sat 6th and Sun 7th December from 12:00noon until 4:00pm in the Bee Park Centre, Manorhamilton. Come support local and get all your Christmas shopping under one roof. Jewellery, pottery, wines, knitted goods, hampers, cheeses, chutneys, Christmas wreaths and much much more, Ho Ho Ho.

NLWC are also running a QQI Level 5 Healthcare Support course starting in January 2026. Tuesday's and Thursday's 10:00am to 3:00pm. To find out more information and book a place contact the Centre on 071 9856220.

Drumkeeran NS: We are holding our annual Late Late Toy Show Bake Sale on Fri 5 Dec from 2:00pm until 3:00pm. Community baker's donations of yummy treats for the sale are welcomed on the morning of the sale. All funds raised will go to support the school.

Green Christmas Fayre: At the Organic Centre, Rossinver, Leitrim on Sun 30 Nov from 11:00am until 4:00pm. Local sustainable craft/ food stalls, natural craft workshops, seasonal food at cafe, live entertainment and special guests including Santa! Free entry on the day.