

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

First Sunday of Advent (B)

3rd December 2023

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

Neighbouring Priests: Fr T Mannion 964 3014 - Fr P Casey 916 4143 -

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Masses

Sat 2nd Dec	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sun 3rd Dec	10:00am	Creevelea	
	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Thomsie & Mary McDermott.
Mon 4th Dec	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration until 6:50pm.
	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	Mickey Cassidy & Deceased of the Cassidy Family.
Tue 5th Dec	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	
Wed 6th Dec	10:00am	Creevelea	Deceased of the Harrison & McPartlan Families.
Thurs 7th Dec	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 8th Dec	7:00pm	Tarmon	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Sean & Pauline Keane.
Sat 9th Dec	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sun 10th Dec	10:00am	Creevelea	Stephen & Kathleen McNama.
	11:15am	Drumkeeran	

Confession: Available after weekday Mass or on request.

Totus Tuus Magazine: Is a Catholic magazine, full of articles from Irish priests and laity, which aims to highlight the beauty and joy of our faith. It is going into its 7th year and is run by donations. If you haven't come across Totus Tuus Magazine and would like a free copy please contact Fiona Kiely on 086 8760058.

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 goes to the up-keep of the local church and then we have the special collections that go to Trócaire, The Missions, The Diocesan Services and others throughout the year. 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.

Thought for the Day:

Because Christians have always recognised the importance of waiting and preparation, they intentionally built periods of waiting into the Christian calendar. This is a way of making room for this important piece of life that the world is so eager to get rid of. It slows us down, reorients us around God and gives us time to reflect, to prepare, to rest.

Advent is one of those seasons of waiting. When we come to Advent we remember the promise that Christ has come and will come again, but we also remember that we are not ready to jump headlong into celebration. First, we must prepare.

Waiting is a gift. Let us be ready for the sweetness that has come and that is coming again.

Pastor Josh, www.unitedchurchofsoro.org.

Society of St Vincent de Paul: Next 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.

North Leitrim Women's Centre Christmas Market: Will be held in The Bee Park Centre, Manorhamilton this weekend from 12 noon until 4pm. There will be over 60 stalls, different stalls each day. All welcome!

Drumkeerin Pre-Christmas Mini Festival: Fri 8 Dec at 6:30pm with turning on of the Village Christmas lights, with Carol Singing and then refreshments served by Drumkeerin Youth Club in the Old Courthouse followed Bingo in Lough Allen College at 8:00pm.

On Sat 9 Dec Santa Claus will be in the Cottage beside the Community Centre from 2:00pm until 6:00pm, booking essential, then in the main hall of the Community Centre there will be a Christmas Market.

On Sun 10 Dec at 7:00pm, there will be a Variety Concert in Drumkeerin Community Centre. Come along to any or all of these events to get into the Christmas Spirit!

Online Advent Retreat: The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a free of charge online retreat; 'Reflecting on the Sunday Gospels of Advent'. Visit our website at www.prioryinstitute.com.