

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Brigid's Feast Day

1st February 2026

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Masses

Sat 31st Jan	5th Saturday - No Mass.
Sun 1st Feb	10:00am Drumkeeran. St Brigid's Day. Ellen & Dennis Melaniff & Deceased of the Family. Gerry McPadden & Family.
Mon 2nd Feb	11:30am St Patrick's Church, Dromahair. 6:00pm Drumkeeran. Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Exposition only.
Tues 3rd Feb	11:00am Áras Bhríde. Feast of St Blaise. 7:00pm St Brigid's Church, Killargue - Exposition with Mass at 8:00pm.
Wed 4th Jan	9:30am St Patrick's Church, Dromahair.
Thur 5th Jan	10:00am Drumkeeran. 7:00pm Mary, Mother of God Church, Newtownmanor - Exposition with Mass at 8:00pm.
Fri 6th Jan	7:00pm Creevelea. Joe & Beatrice Gallagher, Cloonamurgal & Deceased of the Gallagher, McMorrow, Barton & McTernan Families.
Sat 7th Jan	8:00pm Mary, Mother of God Church, Newtownmanor.
Sun 8th Feb	7:00pm Tarmon. Tommy Keaveney, son of Patsy & Agnes. 10:00am Drumkeeran. 11:30am St Patrick's Church, Dromahair.

Pray for: We continue to remember in our prayers those who have died recently including, Brigid Gaskin, Ann McPadden and Maureen Geoghegan. May they rest in peace.

Welcome to our new look Newsletter!

Notices can be sent in to newsletter@inishmagrath.com for inclusion, subject to review and adjustments as space allows.

All notices should be received by 10:30am on Friday morning to be included in that week's newsletter, thank you.

We also have a website at www.inishmagrath.com and we are on Facebook under Parish of Inishmagrath.

The secretary is in the Parish Office at the Parochial House every Friday morning from 9:30am until 12:30pm should you wish to book a Mass or have a notice to drop in.

Confession: Available after weekday Masses and anytime on request.

Ministers for February:

Collectors -	Tarmon	Paddy McPadden, Gerry Rynn.
	Drumkeeran	Kevin Forde, Paul Gallagher, Tomás Cassidy, Aiden McHugh.
	Creevelea	Dessie McMorrow, Paddy McMorrow.
Readers -	Tarmon	Brian Keane.
	Drumkeeran	Mary Bohan.
	Creevelea	Rita McTiernan.
Eucharistic Ministers -	Tarmon	Blaithín McPartlan.
	Drumkeeran	Paddy Joe Daly, Mona Travers.
	Creevelea	Mary Kerins, Paddy McMorrow.

Thought for the Day

Once Brendan the Navigator stood on a cliff top watching two whales engaging in fierce combat. Suddenly, the smaller whale, in a human voice, cried out for help not to Brendan but to Brigid, who was not even present. Immediately, the combat ceased. Brendan was puzzled as to why he had been ignored. 'Do you always think about God?' asked Brigid, when the two met. 'Yes,' replied Brendan, except at times when my boat is caught in a storm at sea and I have to concentrate on keeping it afloat.' 'That's the explanation,' Brigid answered. 'From the moment I first knew God, I have never let him out of my mind, and I never shall.'

Matthew 5:1-12

Reflection: Legend holds that Brigid made her first cross from rushes she picked from the floor as she visited a pagan chieftain who was dying. While sitting by his bed she began to weave the rushes into the shape of a cross and tell the stories of her Christian faith.

The cross became a symbol of peace and protection, protection of animals and protection from fire and disease and a blessing for home and hearth. Crosses were exchanged too in times of clan feuds as a sign of reconciliation. From that time Irish people have never ceased to weave these crosses. These rushes represent our hopes, our dreams, our gifts and our efforts in working towards a more caring society.

Look. She is gathering the dreams to weave something new. She gathers our rushes of sorrow and gladness, of happiness and pain, tears and laughter, kindness and caring, of voluntary groups and organisations, of families, relations and friends, of schools and hospitals, of work and sport and recreation, and all the little words and deeds offered in hope, in faith and in love. She is weaving them all with loving hands into a new form, a richer and more beautiful creation. God, too weaves patiently and persistently with the rushes of our lives. He invites us to keep offering Him the shreds of our suffering and the stuff of our dreams and to take our place beside Him to weave the shape of new creation.

To welcome the new with faith and courage. To cherish all that has gone before, to become an example of justice and peace, weaver God, accept, please do, the offering of ourselves, our separate strands, to be woven in and out, over, under and through. Grant us eyes to see the whole, of which we are a part, to see the tapestry you weave, calling us beyond our aloneness and security, to be surprised by miracles.

Oh, if we could but perceive out of parts we weave a whole. Rise with the road on your journey, may Brigid bless you, possess you, caress you, with her ever faithful love.

Rise with the road on your journey, may Brigid hold you, enfold you, console you, with her ever faithful love.

Communion Reflection for St. Brigid's Day - Kilmore Diocese.

Feast Days: During Mass on Sun 1 Feb we will be celebrating the following Feast Days; the Feast of St Brigid, Secondary Patron Saint of Ireland. St Brigid's Crosses will be blessed at Mass in Drumkeeran Church. You may wish to leave a donation as proceeds will be donated to North West Hospice. Mon 2 Feb is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - Candlemas Day. Candles for church and home use will be blessed during the Mass on Sun 1 Feb. Candles are available to purchase in local shops. Tues 3 Feb is the Feast of St Blaise, a general blessing of Throats (not individual blessings) will take place also on Sun 1 Feb.

Kilmore Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Takes place this year 5th to the 10th of May. To book a place please contact Cavan Travel 049 4361222. Pilgrims who need assistance please contact Fr Tom Mannion on 087 9170879. To care for the Assisted pilgrims two extra nurses are required. If you would be interested please contact Paula Brady, Director of Nursing on 0861721712.

A Lenten Resource for All: As we prepare for Lent, "Baptised & Sent" is being offered to parishioners throughout the diocese as a simple and accessible way to engage with faith during the Lenten season.

This resource is for everyone; individuals, families, parish groups, and anyone interested in reflecting more deeply on what it means to be baptised and sent to live the Gospel in daily life.

The programme will be used during Lent, with materials suitable for personal reflection as well as group discussion.

Further details will follow.

Family Carers Ireland: Is currently conducting the State of Caring 2026 Survey, an important survey to better understand the experiences of family carers. As a family carer, your input is invaluable and will contribute to shaping policies and decisions. The survey usually takes 30 minutes but this can vary. Please take part by clicking: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/StateOfCaring2026>.

If you would prefer to complete a paper copy or complete the survey by phone, please contact Joanne Murphy, Research Officer | jmurphy@familycarers.ie | 086 032 6187. The survey will remain open until March 4th 2026. Thank you for your support in making a difference in the lives of family carers.

Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme: This Irish Government Payment Scheme provides financial payments, and health supports to eligible people who spent time in Mother and Baby and County Home Institutions in Ireland. For further details and to apply visit:

www.gov.ie/en/department-of-children-disability-and-equality/campaigns/mother-and-baby-institutions-payment-scheme/

or contact the Helpline on 01 522 9922. All applications are handled with care, dignity and full confidentiality.

Prayer with Religious Sisters of Kilmore Diocese: Will be held in St Clare's Church, Cavan on Sun 1 Feb at 4:30pm. This is an opportunity to prayerfully celebrate the presence and ongoing contribution of the Religious Sisters of the Loreto, Mercy, Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary, and St Clare congregations among us.

Drumkeeran NS: Parents and guardians enrolment is now open for children wishing to start school in September 2026, please contact the school at drumkeerinns@gmail.com for an application form. The date of our open day for new starters will be confirmed at a later date.

Job Opportunity: Administrator, part-time required for Mo Chairde Day Centre in Keadue.

The administrator will be responsible for obtaining quotes, requesting purchase orders, funding applications and complying with funder procedures. For further details and job description, please visit; www.rosleaderpartnership.ie/job-opportunities/. Email your CV and cover letter to recruitment@ridc.ie, the closing date is Mon 9 Feb.