

# PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

## The Baptism of the Lord

7th January 2024

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### Masses

Sat 6th Jan	7:00pm	Creevelea	Vigil for The Baptism of The Lord. Madge McGee (1st Anniversary).
Sun 7th Jan	11:15am	Drumkeeran	The Baptism of The Lord. Kevie Harkin.
Mon 8th Jan	6:00pm 7:00pm	Drumkeeran Drumkeeran	Adoration until 6:50pm.
Tue 9th Jan	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	
Wed 10th Jan	10:00am	Creevelea	
Thurs 11th Jan	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 12th Jan	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sat 13th Jan	7:00pm	Creevelea	Mick, Vera & Joe Smyth & Teresa Bruckner & Deceased of the Gilmartin & Smyth Families.
Sun 14th Jan	11:15am	Drumkeeran	John Daly (1st Anniversary).

**Confession:** Available after weekday Mass or on request.

**Mass Changes:** Please note that until April 2024, Saturday night Mass will be in Creevelea and on Sunday's there will only be Mass in Drumkeeran.

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**Welcome:** To Lorcán Brendan Fallon, son of Eamon and Siobhán, Lorcán was baptised in St Brigid's Church, Creevelea on Sat 30 Dec 2023. May God's blessings shine down on him throughout a long and happy life.

**Drumkeeran Choir Practice:** Will be held on Mon 8 Jan and Mon 22 Jan at 8:00pm in Drumkeeran Church. New members are always welcome!

### Points to Ponder:

The baptism of Jesus immerses Him in the life of the people. He joined the queue of people for John's baptism, wanting to share the joys and sorrows of His people. In the depths of the water He entered into the depths of His own humanity and the depths of His people. We could say that Jesus has entered into that part of all of us which laughs and songs, dances and cries, feels for the sick and the suffering, desires the best for self and others; nothing human is foreign to Him as He was baptised into the life of His people and the God of His ancestors.

To untie someone's sandal was a slave's task, but John feels unworthy even to do that for Jesus, because He is so important. Next the Father reveals the identity of this seemingly ordinary man from Nazareth by declaring Him to be His beloved Son in whom He is well pleased. Next the Spirit descends on Him like a dove. Lastly the heavens are rent open to indicate that Jesus belongs in the divine realm. Certainly, Mark does his best to help us as disciples to keep in mind the divine reality of Jesus; we will need this help as the story moves on.

Jesus' baptism gives us a window into a powerful religious moment. Jesus knows His identity. The imprint of the Spirit has sealed His life.

*Lord, remind me that I too bear your deal of approval. I am marked by your Spirit, called to participate in your mission as your beloved son or daughter.*

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### Thought for the Day:

The Sacrament of Reconciliation, or Confession, for me is a humbling experience. I simply have to recognise that I have faults. I have fault lines that run through me causing things to happen that I'd prefer not to happen. The sacrament is basically me handing all these matters over to God and asking for His grace as I live with my faults. The only good thing about them is that they throw me back on God's love.

"The sacraments are all to do with the physical celebrations by which divine life penetrates our human histories." (James Alison, Knowing Jesus).

*Alan Hilliard - Dipping into Life (Messenger publications).*

### Mark 1:7-11