

# PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

## First Sunday of Advent (C)

1st December 2024

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

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

Fr Loughlain Carolan 985 3012

### Masses

Sat 30th Nov	7:00pm	Creevelea	Vigil of the First Sunday in Advent.
Sun 1st Dec	11:15am	Drumkeeran	First Sunday in Advent (year C). Michael O'Brien (2nd Anniversary).
Mon 2nd Dec	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration.
	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	Mass.
Tue 3rd Dec	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	Non-residents welcome again - provided no coughs, colds, flu, Covid, etc.
Wed 4th Dec	10:00am	<b>Drumkeeran</b>	Change of venue during Winter Months.
Thurs 5th Dec	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 6th Dec	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sat 7th Dec	7:00pm	Creevelea	James Doherty & Deceased Family, Geaglum.
Sun 8th Dec	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Tom & Brigid Gallagher, Tawnahoney.

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

**Visitations:** Fr Tom will be doing his rounds on Fri 20 Dec to include December First Friday, Christmas and January First Friday.

**Collections for 2024:** Thanks to all who have contributed to the Dues, Offertory and other collections. If you are paying Dues by cheque please make it payable to "Priest's Revenue Account". If you are paying Offertory by cheque to your local church please make it payable to; "Drumkeeran Church Account", "Tarmon Church Account" or "Creevelea Church Account". An extra "thank you" goes out to those who made a donation towards the cost of the new heating system in Drumkeeran Church.

### Points to Ponder:

#### Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

'Watch the road.' There is a beautiful anecdote given by Mgr. Arthur Tonne clarifying the message of today's Gospel. Several years ago a bus driver reached an unusual record. In 23 years he had driven a bus over 900,000 miles without a single accident. When asked how he had done it, he gave this simple answer: "Watch the road". In today's Gospel Jesus gives the same advice in several ways: "Be vigilant at all times", "Stand erect", "Raise your heads", "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy". This is not only a good spiritual advice for the Advent season but also a safe rule for daily life. A good football player or basketball player should always concentrate his attention on the ball and the players. A good student must be alert, awake and attentive, watching the teacher and listening to his or her words. A good Catholic in the Church must be physically and mentally alert, watching the altar and actively participating in the prayers and songs. Like the Roman god Janus, who had two faces, one looking at the past and the other looking into the future, Christians during the Advent season are to look at the past events of the first coming of Jesus into the world and expectantly look forward to His second coming in glory.

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**Drumkeerin NS:** St Brigid's National School, Drumkeerin is proud to be at the heart of the community, and as we approach our 50th anniversary in 2026, we're dreaming big for our students. We have been awarded a CLAR Grant towards the development of an Astro Turf Playing Surface but more funds are needed to get this huge development underway. Every ticket sold brings us closer to creating a space where our children can thrive, no matter the weather. Thank you for your support – together, we can make this happen! Please visit <https://www.idonate.ie/raffle/StBrigidsNSDrumkeerinRaffle> to get your ticket(s).

**North Leitrim Women's Centre:** North Leitrim Women's Centre Christmas Market Fundraiser - This weekend, Sat 30 Nov and Sun 1 Dec from 12:00 noon to 4:00pm. A great chance to support your local women's centre, do some Christmas shopping, support local crafters, grab a cuppa and have a chat. What a wonderful way to spend a few hours. Wines, chocolates, Christmas decorations, knitwear, pottery, jewellery and much much more.

**The Glens Centre:** Moya Brennan, the Voice of Clannad and First Lady of Celtic Music, brings the unique atmosphere of her music to a specially produced seasonal show of celebration and reflection. Moya's will perform classic and contemporary songs and carols, such as Silent Night, In the Bleak Midwinter, In Dulci Jubilo and Joy to the World. The Glen's Centre, Manorhamilton on Sat 21 Dec at 8:00pm. Bus leaving from Drumkeerin. If you would like to book a seat contact Evelyn on 087 6626141.

**Walking Football:** Walking football for over 40's, male and female, continues every Monday at the Astro Turf, 7:00pm until 8:00pm.

**Hedge Cutting Grant Scheme 2024/2025:** This scheme is now open and aims 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. Further information and application forms are available from Leitrim County Councils website [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.

**Drumkeeran Pre-Christmas Weekend:** Commencing on Fri 6 Dec with a John McKenna Trad session in Davitt's Bar at 9:30pm, Sat 7 Dec the turning on of the Christmas lights at 6:00pm followed by Bingo in Lough Allen College at 8:00pm and on Sun 8th Dec, Santa's Magical Christmas Cottage from 1:30pm to 5:00pm - book at [santamagicalcottagedrumkeeran@gmail.com](mailto:santamagicalcottagedrumkeeran@gmail.com) and a Christmas market in the Community Centre.

**The Society of St Vincent de Paul:** Will be holding their annual Christmas collection on the weekend of 7th and 8th December. There will be envelopes available at the back of the local Churches which can be returned either to the collection, to the SVP safe box in the lobby at the back of the Drumkeeran Church, or to the Drumkeeran Post Office. We are available to help with financial, fuel or food difficulties and can be contacted at 085 7764431. Please support our collection generously