

# PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

## First Sunday of Advent - Year C

28th November 2021

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

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### Masses

Sat 27th Nov	8:00pm	Tarmon	
Sun 28th Nov	10:00am	Creevelea	
Sun 28th Nov	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Nora Gallagher, Derrinvoney.
Mon 29th Nov	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	James & Ann Curneen & Martin Hannon.
Tues 30th Nov	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Wed 1st Dec	10:00am	Creevelea	
Thurs 2nd Dec	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 3rd Dec	7:00pm	Tarmon	Sean & Pauline Keane.
Sat 4th Dec	8:00pm	Tarmon	
Sun 5th Dec	10:00am	Creevelea	
Sun 5th Dec	11:15am	Drumkeeran	

**Remember:**

1. Sanitise your hands at the door.
2. Wear a face mask all the time, **covering nose AND mouth.**
3. Keep the 2m distance.

**Visitation:** Due to the increasing outbreak of Covid-19, visitations for the First Friday, Christmas and New Year will be on Fri 17 Dec.

#### Pray For:

- + Rena Boyle, Ballyshannon, mother of Joan Keaveney in Tarmon, who died on Sat 20 Nov. Our sympathies go out to the family. May she rest in peace.
- + Vincent Crowe, Ballyconnell, who died recently. Vincent was the brother-in-law of Roisín Devanney, Drumkeerin. May he rest in peace.

**Going Green this Christmas:** Kilmore Care of Creation, inspired by Laudato Si', have created a list of ideas for being "green" this Christmas.

Where possible, shop local. Reduce your carbon footprint and keep money in the local economy.

Reduce waste and boost recycling. But products in easily recycled packing - bottles, cans, corrugated cardboard for example.

Christmas Cards and wrapping paper cost trees! Check labels, buy recycled, recycle used cards and paper after Christmas.

Consider making a Charity Donation.

Give the gift of an indoor living plant. Add life, better air quality and colour indoors.

**Online Retreat for Advent and Christmas:** Visit the website [www.prioryinstitute.com](http://www.prioryinstitute.com) or follow this link to register, <https://prioryinstitute.com/events/online-advent-retreat-free-of-charge>.

#### Seeing your life through the lens of the Gospel Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

- We live in a time when we are told that disaster lies ahead for us and our planet if we do not change our ways. But perhaps this new awareness can be a prelude to us changing our ways? The Gospel was written to give hope to Christians in danger. What gives you hope amid the dangers facing our world today?
- Our Church community is also in crisis. The numbers of people attending Church services have dropped. We have fewer clergy and religious. Scandals have rocked the Church community. What helps you to keep faith in such circumstances?
- This passage can be taken as a metaphor for personal experiences when it seemed that your world was collapsing around you; plans thwarted, deep disappointment, something out of your control altering the course of your life, etc.? When have such experiences been a prelude to something new? Allow the dramatic language of the passage remind you of this experience, making sure that you recognise the double movement of collapse and liberation.
- Jesus Himself is the model in this Gospel story as He taught His disciples the spirituality of 'waiting in joyful hope'. What difference has watchfulness and hope made to you in facing difficult situations?
- Advent is a time that calls us to be alert to the signs of the hidden presence of God in our world. What reminds you of this presence of God? Have there been occasions when something woke you up in an unexpected way to the presence of God in the world, e.g. through love, beauty, nature, etc.?

*John Byrne OSA*

**North Leitrim Women's Centre:** Christmas Market will be held on Sat 4th and Sun 5th Dec, at the Bee Park Centre, Manorhamilton from 12 noon - 4pm. There will be different stalls each day.

**Job Opportunity:** Shared Cook/Kitchen Assistant/Van Driver, full-time required for Keadue Social Services. A full clean Driving Licence is essential and experience of working with older people and in a food environment is desirable. For further details and job description, please see [www.rosleaderpartnership.ie/](http://www.rosleaderpartnership.ie/) recruitment. Closing date for receipt of applications is 1pm, Friday 3rd December 2021, Email your CV and cover letter to [recruitment@ridc.ie](mailto:recruitment@ridc.ie).

**Winter Yoga Classes:** Will begin on Wed 1 Dec at Drumkeerin Community Centre. Wednesday classes will be at 7pm and another class will be on Friday mornings at 11am, each class costs €8. Please bring your own mat, respect social distancing and health and safety guidelines during each class. Contact Rosie to book your spot on 0892 162 467. Namasté.