

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Second Sunday of Advent

8th 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 7th Dec	7:00pm	Creevelea	James Doherty & Deceased Family, Geaglum.
Sun 8th Dec	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Tom & Brigid Gallagher, Tawnahoney.
Mon 9th Dec	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration.
	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Church Holiday.
Tue 10th Dec	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	Non-residents welcome again - provided no coughs, colds, flu, Covid, etc.
Wed 11th Dec	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Thurs 12th Dec	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 13th Dec	7:00pm	Tarmon	Sean & Pauline Keane.
Sat 14th Dec	7:00pm	Creevelea	John Williams.
Sun 15th Dec	11:15am	Drumkeeran	

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.

Pray for: Joe Ganley, formerly of Attyfinlay, father of Catherine Clancy; Joe died suddenly on Sun 1 December. May he rest in peace in the loving arms of the Lord.

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.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul: Will be holding their annual Christmas collection this weekend; 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.

Church of Ireland Christmas Carol Service: You are invited to their Carol Service on Thurs 12 Dec at 7:00pm in the church opposite Drumkeeran National School. All are welcome!

Altar Flowers for Christmas Time: If you would like to give a donation towards the flowers, please pass it to the Sacristan of your local church. Thank you.

Thank you: A big thank you to the Drumkeeran Festival Committee for a very generous donation to the Drumkeeran Church Funds.

Points to Ponder:

Most churches have a Service of Reconciliation during Advent. In a way, we can think of this as 'Confession without the shopping list.' To the older generation, it may appear all too simple, all too easy. This is to misunderstand the thinking behind the Reconciliation Service. Sin has a community dimension. When I do wrong, I offend the community in general, through an individual, or through a group. Because there is a community dimension to my sin, there must be a community dimension to my repentance. That is why the public acknowledgement of our sinfulness, that is part of the Service of Reconciliation, is much preferable to going into a Confessional and whispering in the dark. In the season of peace on earth to people of good-will, it is important that I harness my good-will, and act on it. Filling valleys, levelling mountains, straightening the crooked road, preparing a pathway for the Lord this is our preparation for Christmas. Of course it involves decisions, and these decisions come out of the context of the realities of my life. God is always calling on me to respond to him. Responding to him is to become responsible. I have responsibility for my actions and become willing to face up to the truth. There is a tendency to look for a softer, easier way. Part of the human condition is an inability to understand the human condition. Lucy said to Charlie Browne 'Charlie Browne, do you know what's wrong with you?' 'No,' replied Charlie, 'tell me.' 'What's wrong with you, Charlie Browne, is that you don't want to know what's wrong with you.'

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Drumkeerin NS: Past pupils and parents of present and past pupils are asked to help buy and sell tickets for the fundraising effort. Let it be known they can buy tickets online by visiting; <https://www.idonate.ie/raffle/StBrigidsNSDrumkeerinRaffle>.

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.

Drumkeeran Pre-Christmas Weekend: This weekend - 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 and a Christmas market in the Community Centre.

The Organic Centre Rossinvers' Green Christmas Fayre: Will be held on Sun 15 Dec, from 11:00am to 5:00pm. With Christmas market, seasonal food, natural decoration workshops, entertainment and sustainable Santa! Free entry on the day, all are welcome.

Anam Cara Mayo: Will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Tues 17 Dec at 7:30pm in the TF Royal Hotel, Castlebar, Co. Mayo. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie.