

# PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

## Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday - Rejoicing Sunday 12th December 2021

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### Masses

Sat 11th Dec	8:00pm	Tarmon	Packie & Anna McKenna, Aughamore.
Sun 12th Dec	10:00am	Creevelea	James Doherty & Deceased Family.
Sun 12th Dec	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Pat, Mary Ellen & Noel McWeeney.
Mon 13th Dec	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	James & Catherine McPartland and Elizabeth Woods & Deceased of the Families.
Tues 14th Dec	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Wed 15th Dec	10:00am	Creevelea	
Thurs 16th Dec	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 17th Dec	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sat 18th Dec	8:00pm	Tarmon	John Williams.
Sun 19th Dec	10:00am	Creevelea	Liam Bouchier (MM).
Sun 19th 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:** Visitations for the First Friday, Christmas and New Year will be on Fri 17 Dec.

**Readers:** The family that books an Anniversary Mass is responsible for the supply of a reader or readers. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

**St. Vincent de Paul:** SVP, Drumkeeran Conference will take up this collection after Masses this Sat 11th and Sunday 12th Dec. Anyone wishing to contact Saint Vincent de Paul may do so by ringing our confidential contact number: 085 7764431 or by leaving a message in the locked box on the inside wall of Drumkeeran Church Porch. Confidentiality is assured.

**Drumkeeran and Tarmon Christmas Flowers:** You can help purchase flowers for Christmas for Drumkeeran and Tarmon churches. Give your contributions to Margaret McPartland for Drumkeeran and Kathleen Rynn for Tarmon, thanks.

**Trócaire:** Trócaire want to thank you for the hope you have given to the needy in the East Africa Appeal. The Parish contributed €1015 in total. With an effort like this in every Parish it has meant that life is now possible for these people with a better quality of living in these poor countries of that continent.

**Envelopes for 2022:** You can collect your box in the church on the days that Mass is celebrated there. Thanks to all who have paid Dues, Offertory and other collections for 2021. Dues cheques can be made payable to "Priest's Revenue Account" and Offertory collections are made payable to the church accounts; either, "Drumkeeran Church a/c", "Creevelea Church a/c" or "Tarmon Church a/c". Thank you.

### Points to Ponder

### Luke 3:1-6

What is joy? How is it different from happiness? Happiness is what we feel when everything is going well and smooth. Happiness is more dependent on our outward situations - our health, fortune, work, etc. But joy is being at peace with whatever situation we may face, whether it is a happy or sad situation. It is that assurance that though everything does not always go right, life still makes sense. A person who might be suffering from a chronic illness may understandably not feel happy, but he/she can still remain joyful because of the love and care of those people around him/her or because of his/her faith and trust in God.

If the true spirit of Advent does not transform us to be better, if it does not bring us forgiveness as an option to improve our relationships - then there is no point to rejoice this Sunday. Doctrines and faith only become significant when they touch and affect the way we live our lives and relate with one another.

*Fr. Cary Reniva.*

