

# PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

22nd December 2024

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

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### Masses

Sat 21st Dec	7:00pm	Creevelea	Stephen & Kathleen McNama.
Sun 22nd Dec	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Bridgit Wynne.
Mon 23rd Dec	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration.
	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	Mass.
Tue 24th Dec	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	Christmas Eve Mass. Maureen Rogan.
Wed 25th Dec	11:00am	Tarmon	Christmas Day Mass.
Thurs 26th Dec	12:00pm	Tarmon	Fr John Gilhooly - Celebrant.
Fri 27th Dec	7:00pm	Tarmon	Brigid McHugh, Derrylustia.
Sat 28th Dec	7:00pm	Creevelea	
Sun 29th Dec	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Margaret McTiernan & Parents John & Annie.

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

**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.

**Envelopes for 2025 Collections:** Please collect your box of envelopes from your local church. If anyone would like to help the parish financially and does not have envelopes, please ask Fr Tom for them.

**Choir For Christmas:** Could all who can sing pick up a hymn sheet at the door and join in with the Choir for the Vigil Mass in Drumkeeran on Tues 24 Dec at 7:00pm, many thanks.

**Tidy Towns:** Are holding a Bingo Night in Lough Allen College on Sat 28 December at 8:00pm, the jackpot is €500. All welcome and your support would be greatly appreciated.

Fr Tom and The Parish Team would like to wish  
you all a Happy and Holy Christmas!



### Points to Ponder:

### Luke 1:39-44

Fear stalks us daily. The world in which we live can undermine our trust in God. It is easy to become attached to things of this world, even though they give us only a fleeting pleasure or temporary security before they pass away, disappear, or vanish. Since our heart is made for God, for the infinite, when we become attached to something, not of God, the result is fear. This is a fear of the future and a fear of the unknown. But with God, we know the ending, and we know what awaits us. Listen to those words: 'Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.' All that we see and enjoy around us will pass away, but not Christ's promises, namely the promises of eternal life – of paradise.

The grace of God ripens us. The moment we are baptised, we are made ready to see God. But there is a lesson, and it might be a bit scary. When Jesus spoke about the fig tree in today's Gospel, He may have thought of another fig tree – the one that bore no fruit, withered, dried up and died. Christ shocked them that time. We don't know when Christ will pass by the fig tree of our life, looking to pick the fruit of our virtues. However, we can be assured of this: The time will come. Our baptism has made our lifetime a time of harvest. You have all eternity to rest in the house of the Father. The lesson: Bear fruit now; live virtue now. Christ came to give life and give it abundantly.

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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>.

**Would like someone to talk to over Christmas?** SeniorLine is Ireland's national telephone service for older people open every day of the year 10:00am until 10:00pm, Freephone 1800 80 45 91. You may feel isolated, alone, bereaved or far from family. Senior Line's older volunteers are trained to listen, to support and refer to other helpful services if necessary. So don't be alone, and lift the phone. Phone SeniorLine 1800 80 45 91, No problem too big or too small.