

# PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

## The Baptism of the Lord

9th January 2022

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### Masses

Sat 8th Jan	8:00pm	Tarmon	
Sun 9th Jan	10:00am	Creevelea	
Sun 9th Jan	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Kevin Harkin.
Mon 10th Jan	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	Brendan Davitt & Parents Paddy & Mary.
Tues 11th Jan	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Wed 12th Jan	10:00am	Creevelea	
Thurs 13th Jan	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 14th Jan	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sat 15th Jan	8:00pm	Tarmon	
Sun 16th Jan	10:00am	Creevelea	
Sun 16th Jan	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.

**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".

If you wish to join the envelope scheme to support your Parish financially, please ask Fr. Tom and he will add you to the list and get you your box. If you pay tax, we are able to claim back from the Revenue, a percentage on everything you donate. Thank you.

**Website and Newsletter:** The Parish has its own website at [www.inishmagrath.com](http://www.inishmagrath.com); it is updated regularly providing information and notices to our community. If you have an article for inclusion into the Newsletter, send it for consideration and inclusion to [newsletter@inishmagrath.com](mailto:newsletter@inishmagrath.com) by 10:30am every Friday morning.

### Points to Ponder

**Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

*"The Lord was Baptised, not to be cleansed Himself, but to cleanse the waters, so that those waters, cleansed by the flesh of Christ which knew no sin, might have the power of Baptism."*

*St. Ambrose (340-397).*

Neither John nor Jesus invented baptism. It had been practised for centuries among the Jews as a ritual equivalent to our Confession. Until the fall of the Temple in 70 A.D., it was common for Jewish people to use a special pool called a Mikveh - literally a 'collection of water' - as a means of spiritual cleansing, to remove spiritual impurity and sin. Men took this bath weekly on the eve of the Sabbath, women monthly. Converts were also expected to take this bath before entering Judaism. The Orthodox Jews still retain the rite. John preached that such a bath was a necessary preparation for the cataclysm that would be wrought by the coming Messiah. Jesus transformed this continuing ritual into the one single, definitive act by which we begin our life of Faith. In effect, He fused His Divine Essence with the water and the ceremony.

*Fr. Antony Kadavil.*

### Seeing your life through the lens of the Gospel:

1. The people were searching and John pointed them in the directions of Jesus. On your life's journey, who have been the John the Baptist people for you, people who have pointed you in the right direction?
2. The Baptism of Jesus was a very special moment for him that affirmed Him in His identity as the Son of God and in His mission. Recall the experiences that affirmed you - either in your sense of who you are, or in relation to the direction you were taking in life.
3. The Baptism of Jesus marks a transition point in His life, and the start of His public ministry. Recall the transition points in your own life. Where did you see the grace of God at work in those times?
4. This experience of Jesus occurred when He was at prayer. What part has prayer played in opening you to being aware of God in your life? What part has prayer played in helping you through a transition point in your life?

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