

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

The Presentation of the Lord

2nd February 2025

World Day for Consecrated Life.

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

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

Fr Loughlain Carolan 985 3012

Masses

Sat 1st Feb	7:00pm	Creevelea	St Brigid's Day - Blessing of the St Brigid's Crosses.
Sun 2nd Feb	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Blessing of the Candles & Crosses. Maggie & Josie McPartlan, Lisanerris. Gerry McPadden.
Mon 3rd Feb	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration.
	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	Mass - St Blaise, Blessing of Throats.
Tue 4th Feb	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	
Wed 5th Feb	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Thurs 6th Feb	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 7th Feb	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sat 8th Feb	7:00pm	Creevelea	
Sun 9th Feb	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Deceased of the Cullen & Forde Families. Mary & Peter Flynn, Barraghamore.

Confession: Available after weekday Masses and anytime on request.

Visitations: Fr Tom will be doing his rounds on Thurs 6 Feb.

Choir Practice: Will be held on Mon 3 Feb at 8:00pm in Drumkeeran Church. New members always welcome.

The Backpack Programme: Following on from the success of The Backpack for Adults in previous years, the course will run again at Cavan Institute on Tuesday evenings beginning on February 4th for 8 weeks. The Backpack is a human and spiritual development programme containing topics such as Psychology, Spirituality, the Neuroscience of the Brain, Anxiety, Negative Looping Thoughts, Resilience Building, Self-Awareness, Boundary Setting and Healthy Relationship with Self, Others, and God. Apply online: www.cavaninstitute.ie/eveningcourses or call: 049 437 7940.

Points to Ponder:

'You are never too old.' I remember this phrase from a good friend (who also was my mother) when I contemplated returning to college at age 42 to earn an associate degree in physical therapy. Could I learn again and read a textbook? Could I understand Physics 101? Are you kidding? After all, cookbooks and light novels were the extent of my reading! I graduated with honours, passed the state exam and began a second career at 45! Like I said, 'You are never too old. No excuses!'

Anna lived her long life serving God. She allowed the Lord to work in her, and this brought her to the recognition of this infant being brought to the temple for His presentation to the Lord. It had not been an easy life for her, being a widow all those years. Widows in those days did not have the same stature as those with husbands and families. But she lived every day in communion with the Lord, and it allowed her to recognise the infant, Jesus.

Simeon and Anna were persistent in prayer. They showed up faithfully each day. We can learn from them that God is always at work in a quiet way in our lives, even when things seem impossible. So don't give up and never think you are too old. God will show you things in your life if you stay close to Him with prayer, and you will recognise Him, just as Simeon and Anna recognised the infant, Jesus.

Bonnie Chester www.ursulinesisterslouisville

Society of St Vincent de Paul: The Society of St Vincent de Paul in Drumkeeran wishes to thank most sincerely those who so generously contributed to our Christmas collection. We are very grateful for your support. We are available for people in financial difficulties with rent, electricity, oil, coal or other cost of living issues and can be contacted in confidence at 0857764431.

Drumkeerin NS: We need your help - The local community, 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>. Please support your local school.

Living Well: Is a HSE free 6 week programme, supporting adults living with health conditions and their carers to develop confidence and skills to better manage their condition, thereby improving their quality of life. Starts Wed 5 Feb from 10:30am - 1:00pm at Northside Community Centre, Forthill, Sligo. Contact 0871800286/livingwell.nw@hse.ie to register.

Irish Leaving Certificate Oral Revision Course – February Midterm: Considerations are underway to organise an Irish Leaving Certificate Oral Revision Course during the February midterm in Drumkeeran, aimed at helping students prepare for their upcoming oral exams. The course would take place over two evenings, Wednesday and Thursday (19th - 20th February), depending on interest and numbers. If you would like to express your interest, please PM @ 087-7162050 or email @ gaelqebhlasta@gmail.com.

National Learning Network, Sligo: Are you an adult living with an acquired disability or long-term health condition? Are you looking to regain control of your career, further your education, or simply manage your health more effectively? Our Digital Skills training programme is designed specifically for you, providing all the tools, support, and resources you need to succeed. Learn both from the comfort of your home (with all equipment provided) and through our in-centre sessions. Contact National Learning Network, Sligo on 071-9145391 or email sligo@nlm.ie for more information.