

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Second Sunday after Christmas

4th January 2026

Parish Office, Drumkeeran - 964 8025 ~ Parish Administrator - Fr P Casey 916 4143

Neighbouring Priest: Fr T Mannion 964 3014

Masses

Sat 3rd Jan	7:00pm	Tarmon.
	8:00pm	St Brigid's, Killargue.
Sun 4th Jan	10:00am	Drumkeeran.
	11:30am	St Patrick's Church, Dromahair.
Mon 5th Jan	6:00pm	Drumkeeran. Exposition.
Tues 6th Jan	11:00am	Áras Bhríde.
	7:00pm	Drumkeeran. Mass for The Epiphany of the Lord.
	7:00pm	St Brigid's Church, Killargue - Exposition with Mass at 8:00pm.
Wed 7th Jan	9:30am	St Patrick's Church, Dromahair.
Thur 8th Jan	10:00am	Drumkeeran.
	7:00pm	Mary, Mother of God Church, Newtownmanor - Exposition with Mass at 8:00pm.
Fri 9th Jan	7:00pm	Tarmon.
Sat 10th Jan	7:00pm	Creevelea. Jack & Madge McGee, we also include Ann McGee & Deceased of the McGee & Harte Families. John Daly, Corderry & parents, Elizabeth & Patrick Daly.
	8:00pm	Mary, Mother of God Church, Newtownmanor.
Sun 11th Jan	10:00am	Drumkeeran.
	11:30am	St Patrick's Church, Dromahair.

Please note: We will try to accommodate all specific requests and requirements for Anniversary Masses, changes may be necessary and we appreciate your patience.

Ministers for January:

Readers: Tarmon - Brian Keane.

Creevelea - John McTernan.

Drumkeeran - Clodagh Redican.

Collectors: Tarmon - Rita McPadden, Kathleen Rynn

Creevelea - Paddy McMorro, Dessie McMorro.

Drumkeeran - Thomas McHugh, Padraig Travers, Mary Bohan, John McPartland.

Eucharistic Ministers: Tarmon -

Creevelea - Mary Kerins, Paddy McMorro.

Drumkeeran - Ann Flanagan-Fallon, Aaron Wynne.

Pray For:

- + Patrick (Packie) Rooney, Rosaleen Davitt's Father, whose funeral took place on Sun 28 Dec in St Mary's Church, Aughnasheelin.
- + Tom Kelly, husband of Margaret (née Owens), late of the "Cosy Corner" who died recently in New York.

May they both rest in peace in the loving arms of the Lord.

A Happy and Holy Year to all Parishioners far and wide from Fr Paul, Fr Tom and the Parish Team.

Thought for the Day:

John 1:1-18

Our God moves in the quiet, everyday moments. He pierces our heart, inviting us to Him, and quietly waits for our response.

This New Year's, let us rest at the manger of the Divine Infant. Bring your feelings of weariness and despair to Him. Be with the Lord and let Him love you only like He can love you. Your heart may still be restless, but the Lord is with you and is drawing you ever closer to His heart.

In drawing nearer to Him, may we surrender our expectations for this new year and trust in His plan.

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Points to Ponder: In the 2,000 plus years that have unfolded since that night in Bethlehem, certainly there are instances when darkness has been diminished, when hurts have been healed, when pain has been alleviated, when the human spirit has shone with compassion, and inclusivity, and hospitality. Yet, we still experience so much darkness in the world. 'The light shines in the darkness,' writes John. And maybe that's the thing. Maybe that's the gospel writer's point. It is not that the light obliterates the darkness; it is simply that the light is there, sometimes helping to change a situation, and making it much better, but more often the light is a steady, (albeit flickering) constant, faithful presence. This, I think, is the message of the incarnation, the story behind the story that we will tell each other this day. God enters into the darkness to sit alongside of us as a Providential advocate, a Providential presence – God with us – Emmanuel. God refuses to dwell in the heavens above and from a safe distance watch the drama of human life play out. Instead, our Provident God climbs right into the darkest places to be with us; and in that holy and luminous action, we find reason enough to hope. So, wherever there is darkness in your life, in my life, anywhere in our world, we can be absolutely sure – that our Provident God, our Emmanuel, God with us is there too – a Light in our darkness. And because we are in relationship with the Provident God who is the Light, THE Source of the Light, we, too are called to be Light.

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Sets Céilí: In Drumkeerin Community Centre on Sun 4 Jan from 3:00pm to 6:00pm. Music by Swallows Tail Céilí band. Also, the 2026 John McKenna calendar is now available locally in the shops or from committee members.