

# PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th January 2025

**Catholic Schools Week begins today.**

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

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

Fr Loughlain Carolan 985 3012

### Masses

Sat 18th Jan	7:00pm	Creevelea	Martin & Margaret Gaffney & Rose Ann & Bernadette Gaffney & Deceased Family.
Sun 19th Jan	11:15am	Drumkeeran	
Mon 20th Jan	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration.
	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	Mass. Katie Meehan.
Tue 21st Jan	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	
Wed 22nd Jan	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Thurs 23rd Jan	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 24th Jan	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sat 25th Jan	7:00pm	Creevelea	
Sun 26th Jan	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Mick, Vera & Joe Smyth & Teresa Bruckner & Deceased of the Smyth & Gilmartin Families. Jack Glynn.

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

**Choir Practice:** Will be held in Drumkeeran church on Mon 20 Jan at 8:00pm. All welcome.

**Tax Rebate:** Please check that you have paid Dues and Offertory for 2024. To avail of the tax rebate, the tax paying parishioner needs to have contributed €250 or more to their church during the year. This rebate is a great financial help to the parish and thanks to all those who are helping in this regard. For 2023 the parish got €15,895.00 back from Revenue.

**Envelopes 2025:** There are still some boxes that haven't been collected. You can ask. If any parishioner wants to support the parish and the priest in the parish and haven't got a box of envelopes, please ask Fr Tom. This might apply particularly to young people who are now earning a living for the first time. The Church of the future depends on you.

**Kilmore Lourdes Diocesan Pilgrimage 2025** takes place from Fri 30 May to the Wed 4 June. For details contact Cavan Travel, 15 Main Street, Cavan H12K2R7. Tel: 049 4361222, email: info@cavantravel.com. Pilgrims needing assistance contact Fr. Tom Mannion on 0879170879.

**Church Concert by Michael English** in aid of the Lourdes Assisted Pilgrimage fund in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick and Felim on Thurs 20 Feb. Tickets available from the presbytery in Cavan, Farnham Arms Hotel, Cavan, Parochial House, Manorhamilton, Eventbrite or Fr. Tom Mannion on 087 9170879.

**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/StBrigidNSDrumkeerinRaffle>. Please support your local school.

### Points to Ponder:

Almost two thousand years ago Jesus of Nazareth spoke of the Reign of God as healing for the sick, hearing for the deaf, sight for the blind, freedom for prisoners, good news for the poor. The world is full of real problems; the pain of human experience is obvious. In facing this reality we could turn our backs in despair and throw our hands in the air at the futility of human life. But the call of Christian discipleship demands otherwise. It demands that we always seek to lift the burden. The burdens of life are real and so we need to help each other in:

- opening our eyes to the reality of life
- feeding those who are too weak to feed themselves
- liberating those who are oppressed
- expanding our minds through education
- dispelling our fear of the unknown
- challenging ourselves to let go of hurts and prejudice
- unsealing our ears to hear the divine echo in our hearts
- inspiring hope for the future

In all of these ways the ministry of Jesus is continued as 'the blind see again, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, the good news is proclaimed to the poor' (Luke 7:22). To teach as Christ taught means inviting people to live without the crutch or the grudge or the closed mind.

Catholic schools make an indispensable contribution to Catholic education. While such schools can never replace the home or the parish they have a crucial role to play in the education of the next generation of young people.

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**Walking Football:** Walking Football for over 40's, male and female, continues on this Monday evening and every Monday evening at 7:00pm at the astro turf pitch. Great exercise, great fun and new players very welcome.

**Evening Classes:** Music classes in Ballintogher Enterprise Centre (F91 C2HT) on Monday evenings from 5:30pm - whistle, flute, concertina and fiddle. On-line booking at [www.ceolnanogorchestra.com](http://www.ceolnanogorchestra.com) or contact 087 6645509. Also speech and drama classes on Fridays from 2:15pm with Lorraine. Ages from 4 - 7 and 7 - 12. For more information please contact; Lorraine@gmail.com or via mobile or What's App to 087 6522 664.

**Community Engagement Meetings:** With An Garda Síochána at the following venues:

22 Jan - Canon Donohue Hall, Mohill at 7:00pm.

22 Jan - Landmark Hotel, Carrick on Shannon at 7:30pm.

23 Jan - Allen Gaels, Drumshanbo at 7:30pm.

27 Jan - Cornhill Theatre, Carrigallen at 7:30pm.

28 Jan - Commercial Hotel, Ballinamore at 7:30pm.

29 Jan - Community Centre, Drumkeeran at 7:30pm.

Have your voice heard locally - all welcome to attend.

**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.

**Public Meeting:** Were you affected by the recent electricity and water outages following the storm, if so come along to a public meeting on Thurs 23 Jan at 7:00pm in The Den, Swanlinbar Road, (Sports Complex) Ballinamore, have your say and hear what others have to say. This meeting is organised by Leitrim PPN and will have an independent facilitator. All community groups are invited to attend.