

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Second Sunday of Christmas

5th January 2025

Jubilee Year of Hope

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Masses

Sat 4th Jan	7:00pm	Creevelea	Jack & Madge McGee, Derrintowney.
Sun 5th Jan	11:15am	Drumkeeran	
Mon 6th Jan	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration.
	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	The Epiphany of the Lord.
Tue 7th Jan	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	
Wed 8th Jan	10:00am	Drumkeeran	NO MASS.
Thurs 9th Jan	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 10th Jan	7:00pm	Tarmon	John Daly (2nd Anniversary) & Deceased Family.
Sat 11th Jan	7:00pm	Creevelea	Kathleen O'Brien (2nd Anniversary).
Sun 12th Jan	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Brendan Davitt. Kevie Harkin.

Confession: Available after weekday Masses and anytime on request.

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.

Welcome: To Tessa Joanna Clarke, daughter of Lauraine and Colm, Mullaghcashel, who was baptised in St Brigid's Church, Drumkeeran on Sun 29 Dec 2024. May Tessa know God's care and protection all through her life.

Pray for: John McTeigue, Corry, father of Clare, John's funeral was held in St Colmcille's Church, Newbridge. May his soul rest peacefully in the loving arms of the Lord.

Jubilee Year 2025: In preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025, themed Pilgrims of Hope, which officially began on Christmas Eve at 7:00pm with the opening of the Holy Door at Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, the Catholic Bishops of Ireland have launched an official Jubilee page on www.CatholicBishops.ie. This dedicated page will serve as a central hub for all Jubilee related updates about events and activities taking place both in Ireland and around the world. For the latest updates and newly added resources, visit the page regularly or follow the Catholic Bishops' social media channels. X, Facebook, Instagram, Bluesky.

The Jubilee of Hope Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.
Amen.

Points to Ponder:

John 1:1-18

A new year has begun. It is a time of new beginning. The Gospel reading is itself a beginning, the opening verses of the Gospel of John. 'In the beginning was the Word'. This Word was God's self-communication, a self-communication that was so complete and perfect that it was itself God, 'the Word was God'.

This self-communication of God became human in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. We celebrate the birth of Jesus because we recognize in this child the fullest possible self-communication of God. Jesus is the fullest Word that God could have spoken to us. We speak, we communicate, not just by our words but by the way we relate, by the way we live and, even, by the way we die. God spoke to us through the life of Jesus, and through His death and resurrection. God has said everything He wants to say to us through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, His Word. God and His Son, together, have sent us the Holy Spirit to help us plumb the depths of all God has said to us through Jesus. As Jesus will later declare in this fourth Gospel, the Holy Spirit 'will guide you into all the truth... He will take from what is mine and declare it to you'. The Holy Spirit enables us to keep hearing the Word that is Jesus in all its richness, to hear it as a word for us here and now. At the beginning of this new year, we invite the Spirit to open us up more fully to the truth of this Word that became flesh in the person of Jesus.

Fr Martin Hogan - Curate in the parishes of Finglas, Finglas West and Rivermount.

Mass and Reception: To mark the retirement of Fr. John McTiernan on Fri 10 Jan at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Belturbet at 7:00pm. Reception in the Seven Horse Shoes Hotel after Mass. All welcome.

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>.