

# PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

## The Baptism of the Lord

11th January 2026

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

Neighbouring Priest: Fr T Mannion 964 3014

### Masses

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, and Peter & Joe Gallagher.
Sun 11th Jan	8:00pm	Mary, Mother of God Church, Newtownmanor.	
	10:00am	Drumkeeran.	
	11:30am	St Patrick's Church, Dromahair.	
Mon 12th Jan	6:00pm	Drumkeeran. Exposition.	
Tues 13th Jan	11:00am	Áras Bhríde.	
	7:00pm	St Brigid's Church, Killargue - Exposition with Mass at 8:00pm.	
Wed 14th Jan	9:30am	St Patrick's Church, Dromahair.	
Thur 15th Jan	10:00am	Drumkeeran.	
	7:00pm	Mary, Mother of God Church, Newtownmanor - Exposition with Mass at 8:00pm.	
Fri 16th Jan	7:00pm	St Patrick's Church, Dromahair.	
Sat 17th Jan	7:00pm	Tarmon.	Mick & Vera, Joe Smyth, Teresa Bruckner & Deceased of the Smyth & Gilmartin Families. Martin & Margaret Roseanne Gaffney & Deceased Of the Family.
	8:00pm	St Brigid's, Killargue.	
Sun 18th Jan	10:00am	Drumkeeran.	Mary McPartland, Derrinvoney (MM). Kevie Harkin.
	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.

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

**A Big Thank You:** To all who helped in Parish Activities during the past year; The Secretary, Angela, Sacristans Ann, Kathleen and Peggy, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, The Choir, Collectors, Counters, Stewards, altar Servers, the Finance and Pastoral Committees, Boards of Management of the schools and all who volunteer when needed. God bless the work you do and we depend on you in the New Year.

**Collections:** Thanks to all who contribute to the support of the Priests and their local church and who help with the other collections. If you are paying by cheque for Dues, then make the cheque payable to Priests Revenue Account. For Offertory collections to support your local church; then make the cheque payable to one of the following; Drumkeeran Church Account, Tarmon Church Account or Creevelea Church Account. The envelopes for 2026 can be collected in each church. If you have not got a box of envelopes in the past and would like to help your parish financially then please ask or email the Parish Office on [newsletter@inishmagrath.com](mailto:newsletter@inishmagrath.com). Thank you.

### Thought for the Day:

Beginning here we glimpse the Three-in-one;

The river runs, the clouds are torn apart, The Father speaks, the Spirit and the Son Reveal to us the single loving heart that beats behind the being of all things and calls and keeps and kindles us to light. The dove descends, the spirit soars and sings 'You are beloved, you are my delight!' In that swift light and life, as water spills and streams around the Man like quickening rain, the voice that made the universe reveals the God in Man who makes it new again. He calls us too, to step into that river, to die and rise and live and love forever.

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**Points to Ponder:** It would be useful for us today to reflect on the meaning of our own baptism and how it relates with that of Jesus.

We often hear a very simplistic description of the effects of the Sacrament of Baptism as 'taking away original sin and making us children of God'. Many, especially those baptised as infants, may see it as a one-off ceremony, imposed on them by parents to bind them to a way of life in which they have no further say. However, if one truly understands the full meaning of our baptism, this is unlikely to happen.

Baptism is not, as is true of all the sacraments, an isolated ritual. It takes place in the context of our whole life. Whether we are baptised as children or as adults, what primarily is happening is that we become incorporated, 'em-bodied', into the Christian community. We become; not passively, but actively; members of the Body of Christ. It can never be something imposed on us against our will. That is why, for adults, there is now a long process of initiation leading up to Baptism and, hopefully a further process of community support after the Baptism has taken place.

We are called to be living witnesses of the Gospel, to be the salt of the earth, to be a city on a hill, a candle radiating light in the surrounding darkness. We are called, in short, to be united with the others in our Christian community in the building up of God's Kingdom. Our baptism is not simply some past event recorded in some dusty parish register. It is a living reality which is to be constantly deepened and enriched.

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**Marriage Enrichment Weekend:** Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland are hosting a marriage enrichment weekend on 20 - 22 March 2026 at St Marys, Knock, Co. Mayo please visit: [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie) for more information. A weekend like no other.

**Public Meeting:** On Wed 14 Jan at 8:30pm in the Old Courthouse regarding the proposed walkways and possible recreation area at Fraser's Forest. It is very important that the community attends to have your say.

**Ballroom Dancing Classes:** Will be held in Ballintogher Community Centre (F91XW71) starting on Wed 14 Jan from 7:00pm. For further details, please call Kieran on 087 741 4968.

**North Leitrim Women's Centre:** QQI Level 5 Special Needs Assistance and Work Placement Course. February to May 2026. Monday's and Tuesday's from 10:00am to 3:00pm. This course is free of charge and is an excellent opportunity to retrain for this career path. To book a place contact the centre on 071 985 6220.