

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

28th December 2025

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

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Masses

Sat 27th Dec	7:00pm	Creevelea.
	8:00pm	Mary, Mother of God Church, Newtownmanor.
Sun 28th Dec	10:00am	Drumkeeran. Brigid McHugh, Derrylustia.
	11:30am	St Patrick's Church, Dromahair.
Mon 29th Dec	6:00pm	Drumkeeran. Exposition.
Tues 30th Dec	11:00am	Áras Bhríde.
	7:00pm	St Brigid's Church, Killargue - Exposition with Mass at 8:00pm.
Wed 31st Dec	9:30am	St Patrick's Church, Dromahair.
Thur 1st Jan	10:00am	Drumkeeran. Margaret McTiernan & Parents John & Annie, Grouse Lodge.
	7:00pm	Mary, Mother of God Church, Newtownmanor - Exposition with Mass at 8:00pm.
Fri 2nd Jan	7:00pm	Creevelea.
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.
Tues 6th Jan	7:00pm	Drumkeeran. Mass for The Epiphany of the Lord.

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 -
	Creevelea - John McTernan.
	Drumkeeran - Clodagh Redican.
Collectors:	Tarmon - Rita McPadden, Kathleen Rynn
	Creevelea - Paddy McMorrow, Dessie McMorrow.
	Drumkeeran - Thomas McHugh, Padraig Travers, Mary Bohan, John McPartland.
Eucharistic Ministers:	Tarmon -
	Creevelea - Mary Kerins, Paddy McMorrow.
	Drumkeeran - Ann Flanagan-Fallon, Aaron Wynne.

Jubilee of Hope 2025 Thanksgiving Mass: In thanksgiving for our Jubilee of Hope 2025 liturgies throughout the Diocese of Kilmore, Mass will be celebrated on Sun 28 Dec at 11:30am in the Cathedral of St Patrick & St Felim, Cavan by Bishop Martin. You are welcome to join us in person or online. With thanks to our Diocesan Jubilee of Hope 2025 Committee and all involved in Jubilee liturgies in our parishes and pilgrimages.

Thought for the Day:

Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

'Your children are the greatest gift God will give to you, and their souls the heaviest responsibility He will place in your hands. Take time with them, teach them to have faith in God. Be a person in whom they can have faith. When you are old, nothing else you've done will have mattered as much.'

Lisa Wingate.

'Let us make one point, that we meet each other with a smile, when it is difficult to smile. Smile at each other, make time for each other in your family.'

Mother Teresa.

'Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city.'

George Burns.

Points to Ponder: That God comes to us as a new-born offers us a new beginning. It also reminds us that the divine life is vulnerable, fragile, and needs to be cared for and protected. There is nothing sentimental or romantic about Matthew's version of the Christmas story. It's the reality of life.

When it comes to the holy life of God with us, Emmanuel, Jesus, it is always a matter of life and death; the child's, each other's, our own. God has entrusted His Son to each one of us in a variety of ways. Just like Joseph we stand in the middle between Jesus and Herod, between life and death, between the life-giver and the life-taker. We can't stay in the middle. Day by day, minute by minute, we choose. Will we get up and take the Child and His mother or will we sleep through and miss what God is doing in our lives? What will it be for you? For me? What are we choosing? Are we nurturing and growing the life of Christ within us? How are we caring for the sacred pieces and parts of our lives? How are we creating a home for Jesus? Don't be too anxious or distracted by Herod. Remember, neither God nor Joseph dealt directly with Herod. They didn't give Herod time, attention, or effort. That doesn't mean we deny or ignore the Herods of our lives. It means, rather, that we gain more by nurturing, feeding, and growing the divine life. It means that our work is to cultivate deep relationships, a life of prayer, and love for all people. It means that in the end holiness always wins.

Michael K. Marsh interruptingthesilence.com

The Society of St Vincent de Paul: There are envelopes at the back of the local Churches for Christmas Donations which can be left in the locked box in the lobby at the back of Drumkeeran Church. For anyone in need, we can be contacted at 085 776 4431 all contact is strictly confidential. We are truly grateful for your support.

James Kilbane in Concert: In aid of the Positive Age Building Fund on Tues 30 Dec at 6:00pm with doors opening at 5:30pm in St Brigid's Church, Laragh, Stradopne, Co. Cavan. Suggested donation for tickets - €20, available from the Positive Age Office on 049 4380725. Join us for an uplifting evening of music with Irish country & gospel singer James Kilbane. Proceeds go towards the Positive Age Building Fund, supporting community services for the older people across the region.

Table Quiz: Drumkeerin Handball, Sports and Leisure are holding their annual Christmas Table Quiz in Davitt's Bar on Sun 28 Dec at 9:00pm. Table of 4 is €40. All Welcome.