

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th January 2025

Sunday of the Word of God.

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

Neighbouring Priests: Fr T Mannion 964 3014 - Fr P Casey 916 4143 -
Fr Loughlain Carolan 985 3012

Masses

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.
Mon 27th Jan	6:00pm	Drumkeeran	Adoration.
	7:00pm	Drumkeeran	Mass.
Tue 28th Jan	11:00am	Áras Bhríde	
Wed 29th Jan	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Thurs 30th Jan	10:00am	Drumkeeran	
Fri 31st Jan	7:00pm	Tarmon	
Sat 1st Feb	7:00pm	Creevelea	St Brigid's Day - Blessing of the St Brigid's Crosses.
Sun 2nd Feb	11:15am	Drumkeeran	Presentation of the Lord. Blessing of the Candles & Crosses. Maggie & Josie McPartlan, Lisanerris. Gerry McPadden.

Confession: Available after weekday Masses and anytime on request.

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.

The Backpack Programme: Following on from the success of The Backpack for Adults in previous years, the course will run again at Cavan Institute on Tuesday evenings beginning on February 4th for 8 weeks. The Backpack is a human and spiritual development programme containing topics such as Psychology, Spirituality, the Neuroscience of the Brain, Anxiety, Negative Looping Thoughts, Resilience Building, Self-Awareness, Boundary Setting and Healthy Relationship with Self, Others, and God. Apply online: www.cavaninstitute.ie/eveningcourses or call: 049 437 7940.

Church Ministers for February:

Readers: Creevelea Church - Rita McTiernan.

Drumkeeran Church - Brian Keane.

Readings in the Sacristy of each Church - please collect.

Eucharistic Ministers: Creevelea Church - Mary Kerins, Paddy McMorro.

Drumkeeran Church - Carmel Wynne, Margaret McPartlan, Josephine White.

Collectors: Creevelea Church - Dessie McMorro, Paddy McMorro.

Drumkeeran Church - Kevin Forde, Paul Gallagher, Tomás Cassidy, Aiden McHugh.

Thanks to all who help in our Liturgical celebrations.

Points to Ponder:

Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Many organisations have a mission statement. A mission statement could be said to have a two-fold purpose. One purpose is to state clearly to those outside the organisation, what is the primary aim of the organisation, its significant values, its vision for the future. Another purpose is more internal, to help those within the organisation to stay focused and to live by the values that the statement proclaims. As we know, it is one thing having a mission statement and another matter to live by it. In the opening paragraph of our Gospel reading this morning, we find Luke the evangelist's own brief mission statement, He declares to Theophilus, probably Luke's patron, why he is writing his Gospel. Luke's mission in writing his Gospel is to give people greater assurance about the faith in which they have been instructed. He is going to tell the story of Jesus in such a way that he will be able to confirm believers in their faith. That is what the Gospel of Luke has been doing since it was written about fifty years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. It is many peoples favourite Gospel. If we did not have the Gospel of Luke, we would not have such memorable parables of Jesus as the good Samaritan, the prodigal son, the rich man and Lazarus. We would not have the story of Jesus in the home of Mary and Martha or the story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. Our faith would certainly be poorer without Luke's Gospel. Luke did what he said he would do in his mission statement.

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

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/StBrigidsNSDrumkeerinRaffle>. Please support your local school.

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.

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

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.

At time of printing, internet access was unavailable after storm Éowyn - apologies if you had sent in a notice - if appropriate, it will be published in the next edition.