

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Second Sunday in Lent

28th February 2021

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

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

Fr Loughlain Carolan 985 3012

Masses - Season of Lent

During lockdown all Mass intentions will be included in private Masses.

Sun 28th Feb	Gerry Padden (MM)
Tues 9th Mar	Peter McHugh, Derrylustia

Lent 2021: For information in Lent please visit www.kilmorediocese.ie.

Newsletter: To view our newsletter online, as very few are collected from the 3 churches, visit the parish website at www.inishmagrath.com there are also prayers and information throughout the year on our own website.

Knock Reflections for Lent: Every Thursday at 8:30pm online at www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live.

Online Masses: To access Masses in Churches around the Diocese, log on to the Diocesan website, www.kilmorediocese.ie and follow the links provided. Or go to www.churchservices.tv or www.mcnmedia.tv.

Church Envelopes for 2021: You can collect your envelopes at the Parochial House, thanks. Due to an updated list of parishioners who support their local church financially, your envelope number may be different this year than in previous years. This reorder was needed to tidy up our database. If you have not yet done so, please go onto the Parish website and download, fill in and return to the Parish Office, a copy of the Confirmation Of Details form so that our information may be kept up to date and relevant. Thanks.

Guided Holy Hour: A guided Holy hour will run every Wednesday in Lent from 8:00pm to 9:00pm by webcam from Dromahair Church. Family prayer time - www.churchtv.ie/dromahair.

The Deep End - Transfiguration

Can you recall a time when you had an "a-ha moment"? One of those moments when something suddenly makes perfect sense to you. It may have been a long time coming, a combination of various pieces of a jigsaw fitting together or it may be an insight you received from spiritual practice. These are special moments. We are never quite the same afterwards, something changes, even a small thing, but something in us changes. These moments move us outside of ourselves or beyond ourselves in some way. They are moments of transfiguration.

In the Gospel today, Peter is desperate to stay on the mountain in that blissful moment with Jesus, so much so that he offers to build tents. One can understand Peter's request, after such an experience of course he would want to stay there.

What moments of encounter in your own life do you recall? An encounter where you simply did not want it to end? It may be something very deep and meaningful which gave you a glimpse of God or a moment of complete contentment?

As with all blissful moments, the disciples must come down from the mountaintop. Jesus' way involves walking a very different path, a path that will not be so easy. Jesus' way is different to what Peter may have had in mind. These moments of transfiguration strengthen us all for walking the more difficult paths, sustaining us on the way.

'The Lord is more constant and far more extravagant than it seems to imply. Wherever you turn your eyes the world can shine like transfiguration. You don't have to bring a thing to it except a little willingness to see. Only, who could have the courage to see it?'
(Marilynne Robinson)

Jane Mellett