

# PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

## Third Sunday in Lent 7th March 2021

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### Masses - Season of Lent

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

<b>Mon 1st Mar</b>	Mary & Len Dolly
<b>Tues 9th Mar</b>	Peter McHugh, Derrylustia
<b>Thurs 11 Mar</b>	Kathleen McHugh (MM)

**Mass:** RTE One will broadcast Mass for the Third Sunday of Lent live from its studios in Dublin at 11:00a.m. on Sun 7 Mar; Bishop Martin Hayes will be the celebrant.

**Knock Reflections for Lent:** Every Thursday at 8:30pm online at [www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live).

**Online Masses:** To access Masses, log on to the Diocesan website, [www.kilmorediocese.ie](http://www.kilmorediocese.ie) and follow the links; or go to [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv) or [www.mcnmedia.tv](http://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. If you have not yet done so, please 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](http://www.churchtv.ie/dromahair).

**Selton Hill Memorial Mass:** To mark the centenary of this ambush, Msgr. Liam Kelly will celebrate a Memorial Mass on Thurs 11 Mar in St. Mary's Church, Aughnasheelin at 8:00pm. The service will be live streamed via webcam at [www.churchtv.ie/aughnasheelin/](http://www.churchtv.ie/aughnasheelin/).

**Carers On-Line Coffee Morning:** Calling all Carers in the Diocese of Kilmore: We are very mindful of the extra strain and stress that these times are placing on Carers. We would like (if there is enough interest) to set up an online support group where Carers have an opportunity to meet others in similar situations and to build supportive and enriching friendships. If you are a Carer and would like to be a part of our group please email [martinapastoralworker@gmail.com](mailto:martinapastoralworker@gmail.com) indicating your interest. We would love to hear from you.

**M-PACT Programme:** M-PACT supports families to work together to understand how parental alcohol or other drug misuse has affected their lives. For further information call Philip on 085 8759313 or Email: [sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.org](mailto:sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.org)

### The Deep End - A Question of Authority

It is tough at times to figure out who has authority on certain issues. There are 'experts' everywhere, telling us how we should eat, exercise, manage our finances... the list goes on. Something that has struck me during the current pandemic is how hard it can be to know who to believe. We hear from doctors and virologists, politicians and economists, and their opinions don't always align. It can take us a while to trust the voices we hear in the media.

The Temple scene in today's Gospel sparks a debate about Jesus' authority. While He certainly cuts an authoritative figure as He drives out the stall-holders and money-changers, He is immediately questioned. The Jews demand a sign to explain His provocative words and actions, as if to say 'Who do you think you are?' It is interesting to note that in John's Gospel, this scene takes place at the beginning of Jesus' ministry (unlike the Synoptic Gospels where it comes towards the end). This would explain the disbelief of the witnesses.

In calling the Temple 'My Father's house' Jesus identifies the source of His authority. But His interrogators do not understand, nor do His disciples, though we are told it later makes sense to them after the resurrection. This scene offers more than an angry Jesus and a clueless audience. It is a public revelation of Jesus' identity and authority, as the one in whom God's presence dwells. It also emphasises the radical new way of living that Jesus has come to bring about. As we journey through Lent, we ask ourselves where the message of Jesus has become obstructed in our lives, and how we might open our hearts again to His presence and guidance.

*'I invite all Christians, everywhere, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting Him encounter them.... The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realise that He is already there, waiting for us with open arms.'* (Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*)

### Triona Doherty

#### North Leitrim Women's Centre International Women's Day Celebrations:

This year we are very excited to announce we have themed up with Full Circle Playback Theatre Company for a night at the theatre from the comfort of your home, where you can see and hear your stories brought to life. The Theme for IWD 2021 is #Choose to Challenge – Choose Challenge Celebrate. So, with this in mind we want to invite you to join us via zoom to share the moments and stories about the women who have inspired and challenged you in your life and watch those moments and stories played back to you. The stage is set, the actors are ready... we just need you. So come along and join us for a night of interactive fun and entertainment; a chance to connect, to share and listen each other's stories and experiences. To register just follow the link and complete the registration form: <https://forms.gle/APuBJdqskF9k3sZc7> or contact the Centre on 071 9856220. Funded by SICAP & the Leitrim Development Company