

# PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

## Fourth Sunday of Easter World Day of Prayer for Vocations 25th April 2021

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### Masses

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

**Tues 27th Apr** Michael James O'Rourke

**Diocesan Vocations and Support Services Collection:** You will find the envelope for this collection in your box of envelopes. Please support as the money is used to finance the training of students for the priesthood and diaconate and provide guidance and counselling for couples in Accord either pre-marriage or post marriage. Thanks

**Vocations:** We pray for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our Diocese today. If you are considering such a vocation, speak to your local priest or the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. Ultan McGoohan; email him at [bailieboro2@kilmorediocese.ie](mailto:bailieboro2@kilmorediocese.ie). May St Joseph, protector of vocations, help us.

*"God has created me to do him some definitive service; he has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another. I have my mission."  
St John Henry Newman*

**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) [www.churchtv.ie](http://www.churchtv.ie) or [www.mcnmedia.tv](http://www.mcnmedia.tv).

**St Patrick's Day and Trócaire Collections:** The St Patrick's Day collection raised €275 and the Trócaire collection raised €1960. Thanks to all who contributed so generously in these difficult times. If you would still like to contribute please do so. You can collect your box of envelopes at the Parochial House. Thanks.

### The Deep End - The Good Shepherd

John 10:11-18

In Jesus' time, being a shepherd was not a pleasant job. Sheep became easily lost and the shepherd's job was to guide them back to safety. There were many dangers and the sheep were totally dependent on the shepherd. Shepherds would round up their sheep in the evening and guide them into their pen. But it had no gate, so the shepherd would have to lie across the space in case the sheep were attacked in the night. The shepherd literally lay down their lives for their flock. John compares the sacrifice of the shepherd to the 'hired hand' who is not really committed to the flock. He does what he has to but flees at the first sign of trouble.

This Good Shepherd Sunday the Gospel describes Jesus as the 'genuine' Shepherd who wants a personal relationship with each one of us and who would lay down His life for us. The Gospel emphasises the importance of relationship as the shepherd knows his flock and cares for them. They 'follow him' and it is not a Facebook or Twitter type of following, rather it is a genuine relationship. Everyone matters to the Good Shepherd, regardless of their situations. We are told "I know my own and my own know me". We are called today to follow Jesus in a more personal more intimate way. Even when we stray off the path and get lost, it is then especially that the Good Shepherd comes looking for us.

*"We think we are fleeing from God, but in fact we are running into His arms".  
(Meister Eckhart)*

**Jane Mellett**

### Reminder for everyone aged 60 and over to register for their vaccine:

We would like to remind everyone aged 65-69 to register for their COVID-19 vaccine through the HSE's online registration system or on the phone with HSELive. Following the success of the online registration for people aged 65-69, we are inviting those aged 60-64 to register from Friday 23 April. However, before we do, we want to remind those aged 65-69 who have yet to register to make sure to register as soon as possible. Everyone in this age group is now eligible to register including:

- Frontline healthcare workers who haven't gotten an appointment through their workplace.
- people aged 65-69 who have a health condition that puts them at very high risk (vaccine allocation Group 4) and who haven't been given an appointment through their hospital or healthcare team.

Online registration – information for patients and service users, people in this age group who are registering online will need: their Personal Public Service Number (PPSN), their Eircode and an email address or a mobile phone number.

A friend or family member can help. If someone is finding it difficult to go online and register, they can ring HSELive for support on 1850 24 1850 or 01 240 8787 from 8am to 8pm, 7 days.

If a person doesn't have a PPSN they can register on the phone with HSELive. Once registered, the person will receive their vaccine appointment for the COVID-19 AstraZeneca vaccine. If a person is deaf or hard of hearing, they can text HSELive on 086 1800 661 to register for your vaccination.