

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Fifth Sunday in Lent

21st March 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 21st Mar Packie & Annie McKenna

Clarification: Last Sunday's Mass intentions included Tom & Mary Dowd, we mistakenly also included their daughter Maureen who placed the intention. Our apologies go out to Maureen for our error.

Pray For: Maura Miney (née McMorro) Carrick on Shannon, formerly of Gubaderra whose funeral took place on Sat 20 March in Carrick on Shannon. May she rest in peace. Our sympathies to her next of kin.

Online Masses: To access Masses, log on to the Diocesan website, www.kilmorediocese.ie and follow the links; 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. 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.

Parish Website: Our website is updated weekly with information, prayers and resources for our parishioners, please go and have a look. If there is anything missing or you would like to see please contact the office on newsletter@inishmagrath.com and we will see what we can do.

The Deep End - "We should like to see Jesus"

John 12:20-30

Those poor Greeks. Did you notice that they never actually get to meet Jesus? At the start of today's Gospel, some Greeks who are followers of Jesus come to Jerusalem. They are travellers, outsiders, and would like to meet Jesus in person. But when Phillip and Andrew relay the request, Jesus begins to talk about how His 'hour' is coming. It is the last we hear of the Greeks, who disappear from the story altogether.

But they are important nonetheless. Firstly, they indicate that word about Jesus is spreading. More importantly, they prompt Jesus to reveal that, when His hour comes, He will draw 'all people' to Himself. In the space of a few short verses, we go from a brief mention of a group of foreigners seeking Jesus, to Jesus making it clear that His saving mission is for all people, of all nations, both Jews and Gentiles - including these Greeks! There is no suggestion from Jesus that some groups are 'in' and others 'out'. All are included. All are invited. All are welcome. I remember once hearing someone describe their home as a domestic church, a place of 'indiscriminate welcome'. As we continue our journey through Lent and soon into Holy Week, we listen carefully to these words of Jesus. He came for everyone. He wishes to draw all people to Himself.

Notwithstanding the current restrictions on gatherings and public worship, let us take this time to reflect on the world we would like to build when things open up again. Are we open to everyone, including 'outsiders'? Do our homes, parishes and communities radiate welcome, where all who enter experience God's love?

'For some, the good news is that there are insiders and outsiders and they are the insiders. For others, the good news is that there are no outsiders.'
(Rachel Held Evans)

Triona Doherty

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