

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

22nd November 2020

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

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

Fr Loughlain Carolan 985 3012

Masses

Sun 22nd Nov Stephen & Kathleen McNama
Paddy Kelly

Sun 29th Nov Nora Gallagher, Derrinvoney (1st Anniversary)

Masses: November list of the deceased are prayed for in all Masses in the month of November. You can drop your list in the envelope provided through the letterbox at the Parochial House where Mass is celebrated daily. Thanks.

Level 5: During Level 5, public Masses are suspended. If you want to get a local Mass, tune in on www.churchtv.ie and follow the links to the church of your choice, e.g. Dromahaire.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there

And unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

Confirmation of Details: Can all parishioners please, **urgently**, fill in a "Confirmation of Details" form if you are on our envelope scheme so we can keep our records relevant and up to date. To those who have already done so, thank you. If you wish to join the scheme, please get and fill in a form from one of the churches or from the Parish website and return your form to the Parochial House. Thank you.

Pray For: Margie Cornyn (née Forde), sister of Teresa Devitt, whose funeral took place on Fri 20 November in Newbridge. May she rest in peace. We ask God to console her loved ones.

Mini Advent Retreat: To be held on Zoom, led by Fr. Billy Swan, St Aiden's Enniscorthy on Tues 1 Dec to Thurs 3 Dec beginning at 8pm. To take part all you need to do is send an email to - thehookoffaith@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link.

Catholic Grandparents Association: Mass of Remembrance will be held today, Sun 22 Nov, at 12noon from Knock Shrine: www.knockshrine.ie "They are not gone from us, but gone before us". Archbishop Michael Neary, patron of the Catholic Grandparents Association, will be the celebrant.

The Deep End - A Different Sort of King: Today's Gospel leaves us in no doubt as to what Jesus expects of His followers. It is a Gospel of contrasts. It begins with a scene of judgement, with Jesus in the role of king, sitting on the throne of glory. It would have been a familiar image to the people of the time, who were expecting a great Messianic king. In the time of Jesus, kings were powerful rulers, and some were tyrants. We know from earlier in Matthew's Gospel that kings like Herod were capable of brutal acts. It is an image that remains familiar to us today, thanks to popular fairy tales, movies and TV shows - the all-powerful ruler sitting on their throne, passing judgement on their subjects.

But the king that Jesus talks about here turns these images upside down. He is not focused on riches or power, or inciting terror or fear. Instead He is a fair judge, a shepherd who knows His flock. He invites all those who have acted with justice and generosity to take their place in His kingdom. He is in solidarity with the 'least' of His people - a king whose main concern is those who are hungry, displaced, sick or imprisoned. He refers to them as 'brothers'.

Jesus' kingdom is centred around charity, compassion and forgiveness. He expects us to treat everyone we encounter with welcome. There are simple acts of kindness we can carry out each day. Such love for others is love for God: 'In so far as you did this to the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me'.

"In the evening of life, we shall be judged on love." St John of the Cross

Jane Mellett