

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Divine Mercy Sunday

11th April 2021

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

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

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Masses

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

Sun 11th Apr	Mick, Brigid & Christopher Gilhooly & Deceased of the Gilhooly & Rynn Families, Tarmon
Sun 18th Apr	Bernie & Jack Glynn Tom & Molly O'Rourke, Cloonemone

Online Masses: To access Masses, log on to the Diocesan website, www.kilmorediocese.ie and follow the links; or go to www.churchservices.tv www.churchtv.ie or www.mcnmedia.tv.

Trócaire: You can put your envelope through the letterbox at the Parochial House. Your contribution will be much appreciated in helping the people in South Sudan. Thanks

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.

Welcome: To Rose Mary Clarke, daughter of Colm and Lauraine, who was baptised on Easter Sunday, 4th April, in St Brigid's Church, Drumkeerin. May she know God's Blessings all her days.

Baptism: The celebration of the sacrament is allowed, but the maximum number is 6. That would be the parents, the child, two godparents and the Priest only.

The Deep End - Shalom

John 20:19-31

We do not come through suffering and difficult times unscarred. We are changed by them. Often it brings some sort of growth into our lives and usually it is not a pleasant experience. We only have to think of the past year of lockdowns and isolation and fear. In Pope Francis' new book, Let us Dream, he says "to enter into crisis is to be sifted. Your categories and ways of thinking get shaken up; your priorities and lifestyles are challenged. You cross a threshold, either by your own choice or by necessity, because there are crises, like the one we are going through, that you can't avoid."

Today's Gospel shows us that even the most difficult situations can be transformed. The Risen Christ stands amongst the disciples even though the doors were firmly closed. The peace that He gives them (Shalom) is a peace of body, of mind and of spirit and it moves the disciples from despair and being 'locked away' to 'rejoicing'. Jesus then asks the disciples to be an unending witness to God's love. They and we, are invited to be for others what Jesus has been for them. The Risen Jesus is active in all our lives and in the world around us, but we must be careful not to close ourselves off or let fear take over. John tells us that he writes these things so that we may come to believe and have life. Our call is to bring this peace and joy to others, 'so I send you'. Who can you reach out to today?

Jane Mellett

See Your Life through the Lens of the Gospel:

1. 'Peace be with you' was the greeting of Jesus on meeting His frightened apostles. Who has come to you bringing peace at times when you were frightened? For whom have you been an agent of peace?
2. The greeting is joined with the gift of the Holy Spirit to empower the disciples to be forgiving. Forgiveness is at times an essential step on the road to peace. Perhaps you can recall when holding on to a hurt or a grudge disturbed your inner peace. What helped you to forgive and find peace?
3. Thomas, doubting and questioning, is possibly a person with whom we can identify. What part has doubting and questioning played on your faith journey? How has your faith been strengthened by such moments?
4. 'Blessed are they who have not seen and yet believed'. That requires great trust. Perhaps you have had the experience of being trusted without having had to prove every step along the way. What was it like to be trusted in that way? Who have you been able to trust in a similar manner?

John Byrne OSA