

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Easter Sunday 4th April 2021

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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.

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| Sun 4th Apr | Easter Sunday | Sean Gallagher (3rd Anniversary) |
| Mon 5th Apr | Easter Monday | John Patrick & Mary Gallagher & Deceased Family |
| Tues 6th Apr | | John & Dora Clogherty |
| Wed 7th Apr | | Franz Baumgartner |

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.

Holy Week Liturgies on RTÉ:

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| Holy Saturday 3rd April | RTÉ 1 11:00pm |
| Easter Sunday 4th April | RTÉ 1 10:00am Mass. Urbi et Orbi, the Pope's Blessing is at 12:25pm approx. There is also a Mass in Irish on Raidio na Gaeltachta from 1100-1145. |

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.

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.



Fr. Tom and the Parish team would like to wish you all a Happy and Holy Easter.

The Deep End - Early on the first day of the week **John 20:1-9**

Today we celebrate the highpoint of the Christian calendar, Easter. The Gospel tells us that Mary Magdalen is the first to witness to the Resurrection; she is the first to bring this Good News to others, the first preacher of the Resurrection. "It was still dark..." when Mary went to the tomb, but it was also the 'first day of the week', a new beginning, like the first warm day of Spring. We can recall situations in our lives which seemed so dark, where we felt that there was no light at the end of the tunnel. But the Easter story shows us that transformation is always possible. There comes a point during dark times that we realise something has changed, the stone has rolled away.

Let the linen wrappings in this text today represent all that keeps us from being free; all that keeps us captive, emotionally, physically, spiritually in our broken relationships and struggling communities. As we continue to deal with the effects of the Covid-19 crisis, many people are longing for this situation to ease, to lift. The Easter Gospel shows us that even the most difficult of situations can bring transformation. A question we can ask today, is where have we seen the Risen Christ during this crisis? In the frontline workers, in good neighbours and friends. Where are we being called to share Easter Joy with others?

'Jesus you are with us. Keep us ever mindful of how You are a part of our lives in a deep and profound way. Surprise us with a touch of Your love in places where we never thought that we would find You.' (Joyce Rupp)

Triona Doherty