

# PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

## Fifth Sunday of Lent 29th March 2020

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

Neighbouring Priests: Fr T Mannion 964 3014 Fr P Casey 916 4143 Fr Loughlain Carolan 985 3012

**There will be no public Masses until further notice. The Priest can say Mass in private and intentions already booked will be included in these Masses.**

**Visitations:** NO visitations will take place unless there is an emergency or by request from the family.

**Webcam:** You can tune in to Church services in Cavan at [www.churchservices.tv/cavancathedral](http://www.churchservices.tv/cavancathedral).

Bailieborough is also served by [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv).

**Mass Leaflets:** And newsletters will be left in each Church each Saturday morning.

**Northwest STOP:** Provides free counselling with no waiting lists. Please keep our number to hand should you or a friend need to talk to someone in confidence: 086 777 2009.

**Radio Maria Ireland:** We are broadcasting 24hours each day according to our threefold mission of prayer, catechesis and human formation. Daily Mass will be aired at 10am each day from our studio chapel, including Sundays for those who would like to tune in. Radio Maria Ireland is to be found on television – Saorview, Channel 210, by downloading our free app for mobile devices – Radio Maria Ireland and through our Website or Facebook page on the Listen Live link. It is also possible to tune in by dialling our listening service on 01 437 3277 at the cost of a call to a Dublin number according to your telephone service provider and at no extra charge otherwise.

**Daily Mass on "RTE News Now":** At 10.30am from St Eunan's and St Columba's Cathedral, Letterkenny. Also check out [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv) for other Mass times and Religious Services.

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People:** ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024. Or go online at [www.alone.ie](http://www.alone.ie).

**Church Collections:** Your Church and Parish still need your financial support, now more than ever. Please use the envelopes for Dues and offertory collections as normal, then when Masses resume you can bring those envelopes to your local Church, thank you.

### Prayer by Fr. Kevin O'Gorman SMA:

GOD, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, GRANT US THE FORTITUDE OF CHRIST YOUR SON TO FACE THE COVID-19 CRISIS WITH TRUST, PATIENCE AND COMPASSION. GIVE US THE GRACE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO FREE US FROM FEAR AND LOOK FORWARD TOGETHER TO THE FUTURE WITH HEALING AND HOPE. MAY THE INTERCESSION OF SAINT JOSEPH, THE GUARDIAN OF JESUS, WITH MARY HIS MOTHER AND MOTHER OF THE CHURCH, GUIDE US THROUGH THIS TIME OF PERIL, PRESERVE US IN PEACE, PROTECT THE VULNERABLE, HEALTH CARE WORKERS AND ALL WHO SERVE SOCIETY, AT HOME AND ABROAD.

### Kilmore Diocese Advice for Funerals:

- There will be no wakes in the house.
- Priests are not required to lead prayers in the home of the deceased. Instead the family can pray the Rosary and can be given other prayers to say in the home.
- There will be no sympathising or physical contact with the bereaved at any stage.
- There will be no Removal to the Church on the evening before the burial.
- All funerals will be private, with just the immediate family being present and no more than 20 people, well-spaced apart, in the Church for the Funeral Mass. Families may decide not to publicise the time of the funeral Mass to ensure that the restrictions are adhered to.
- The funeral Mass will be simple, with none of the normal participation of the laity in the liturgy. If Holy Communion is distributed at the funeral Mass it must be done in a safe manner.
- At the grave-side it is important that the social distancing rule is adhered to.
- Arrangements can be made to have the equivalent of a Month's Memory Mass for the deceased person to take place when the restrictions are lifted, so that the family and community can then gather to pray for the deceased and pay their respects to them.