

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

28th March 2021

Fr Tom McManus – 964 8025

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

Fr Loughlain Carolan 985 3012

Holy Week Begins

Masses - Season of Lent

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

Sat 27th Mar Mary Joe Curnan, Brigid Curnan & Brigid Wynne

Sun 28th Mar Patrick J Gilhooly, Lough Allen

Sun 4th Apr Sean Gallagher (1st Anniversary)

Pray For:

- + Lorcan Clarke, brother of Gabriel, whose funeral took place in Dundalk on Monday. May he rest in peace. Our sympathies to his next of kin.
- + Fran Wales, brother-in-law of Dorien Bell, who died in England. May he rest in peace. Our sympathy to Dorien and all his 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.

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.

Holy Week Liturgies on RTÉ:

Palm Sunday	RTÉ News channel 2:15pm from Cavan Cathedral, celebrated by Bishop Martin Hayes.
Mon, Tues, Wed	RTÉ News channel 10:30am
Holy Thurs 1st April	RTÉ 1 4:40pm
Good Friday 2nd April	RTÉ 1 3:00pm from Knock
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

Stations of the Cross: Will be available from Mon 29 Mar on the website www.kilmorediocese.ie or on the Kilmore Youth Ministry YouTube channel.

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 - The Journey of Discipleship

Mark 14:1-15:47

Our opening reading from Mark's Gospel captures the elation of the crowds who welcome Jesus into Jerusalem. They spread greenery on the road in front of Him, they lift their voices in praise, singing 'Hosanna! Blessings on Him who comes in the name of the Lord!' But their hope and loyalty is short-lived, as we discover in our reading of the Passion. Jesus is left almost alone to face humiliation and death. His followers have heard His radical message of reversal and upheaval, but when it comes down to it, the challenge is too much. We are told 'they all deserted Him and ran away'. While Peter follows Jesus at a distance, he is soon denying he even knows Him. Soon, the crowds are shouting for Jesus to be crucified.

We are very familiar with the Passion Gospel and it can be tempting to allow ourselves to tune out, particularly when it comes to the unpleasant parts. We do not like to think of ourselves as part of the mob shouting 'Crucify Him!' Yet if we enter fully into the experience, we can see ourselves in the story. When things are going well, it is easy to praise God and shout 'Hosanna!', and promise we will not lose faith. There are other times we fall asleep, become complacent. Then there are days when we struggle, when we are confused or do not know what God expects of us or whether we are able to handle the difficult times. We pull away from God. The different disciples display this range of human reactions and emotions. This week, Holy Week, we are the disciples walking with Jesus on a journey that leads to the cross. Yet here at the cross we find Mary Magdalene, and the other female disciples and Joseph of Arimathea. We know the story is not over for these disciples, or for Peter and the others. The journey of discipleship is just beginning.

'We don't have to be able to articulate all the logic of what is happening now. But Christians walk on with the conviction that there is One who does make sense of the apparent madness of shattered human dreams.' (Bishop Donal McKeown)

Triona Doherty

Society of St Vincent De Paul: The Society gratefully acknowledges the Christmas Church gate collections of €590 between the three churches in the Parish. We greatly appreciate your generosity and would like to remind you that anyone wishing to contact us can do so by posting a note in the SVDP box in the back of the Drumkeerin Church or call us, in confidence, on 085 776 4431.