

PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

15th 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

Sat 14th Nov Kathleen Gilhooly, Lough Allen

Sun 22nd Nov Stephen & Kathleen McNama

Paddy Kelly

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.

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We Remember Them

At the rising sun and at its going down; We remember them.
At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter; We remember them.

At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring;
We remember them.

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer;
We remember them.

At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of the autumn;
We remember them.

At the beginning of the year and when it ends; We remember them.
As long as we live, they too will live, for they are now a part of us as we remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength; We remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart; We remember them.

When we have decisions that are difficult to make; We remember them.

When we have joy we crave to share; We remember them.

When we have achievements that are based on theirs;
We remember them.

For as long as we live, they too will live, for they are now a part of us
as, we remember them.

Sylvan Kamens & Rabbi Jack Riemer

The Deep End - Rising to the challenge: It is not hard to feel sorry for the third servant in today's Gospel. The first two servants are praised for making the most of the 'talents' (money) given to them by their master. In return, they are promised even greater things. The third man, paralysed by uncertainty, buries his small amount of money in the ground instead of doing something with it. His actions are based on fear - he has heard the master is tough and he does not want to take any risks. At least he is able to return what he has been given, he reasons.

But he is shocked to learn that instead of praise, or even a neutral reaction to match his own neutral actions, he is reprimanded as 'wicked and lazy' and cast out. This parable has been described as a story of 'tragic miscalculation'. The servant didn't do anything awful - which is why we tend to have some sympathy for him - but he didn't do his best either. The real tragedy is not that he didn't make any more money; it is that he failed to appreciate the opportunity he had been given and to make the most of it.

We are all dealt different cards in life, and undoubtedly some are much tougher than others. We are like the servants in the parable who are given different amounts of money to look after. The point is not the amount of 'talents' given to each. It is not the circumstances of our lives or our natural gifts that are important, but how we use them. Jesus was cautioning against playing it safe. Instead of turning inwards or living in fear, we are called to meet challenges head on and discover what wonderful things might happen.

"Talent is like electricity. We don't understand electricity. We use it."

Maya Angelou

Jane Mellett