

# PARISH OF INISHMAGRATH

## Fourth Sunday in Lent

14th March 2021- Mother's Day

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### Masses - Season of Lent

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

<b>Sun 14th Mar</b>	Tom & Mary Dowd Margaret (Peg) McPadden (2nd Anniversary)
<b>Mon 15th Mar</b>	Rose & John McGuighan, Sheena
<b>Tues 16th Mar</b>	Patricia & John P McVeigh
<b>Wed 17th Mar</b>	<b>St Patrick's Day</b>

**St Patrick's Day Collection:** Your generosity will help;

1. Support Irish Missionaries working in African countries.
2. Support the Irish Emigrant Chaplaincy abroad.
3. Educate seminarians to the priesthood in Africa.

Thank you.

**Knock Reflections for Lent:** Every Thursday at 8:30pm online at

[www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live).

**Online Masses:** To access Masses, log on to the Diocesan website,

[www.kilmorediocese.ie](http://www.kilmorediocese.ie) and follow the links; or go to [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv) or [www.mcnmedia.tv](http://www.mcnmedia.tv).

**Church Envelopes for 2021:** You can collect your envelopes at the Parochial House, thanks. Due to an updated list of parishioners who support their local church financially, your envelope number may be different this year than in previous years. If you have not yet done so, please fill in and return to the Parish Office, a copy of the Confirmation Of Details form so that our information may be kept up to date and relevant. Thanks.

**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](http://www.churchtv.ie/dromahair).

**Pray For:** Michael Raymond Forde, Raheny/Drumkeeran, husband of Dorothy, whose funeral took place in Dublin on Friday. May he rest in peace. Our sympathies to his family.

**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](mailto:newsletter@inishmagrath.com) and we will see what we can do.



**Carers On-Line Coffee Morning:** Calling all Carers in the Diocese of Kilmore: We are very mindful of the extra strain and stress that these times are placing on Carers. We would like (if there is enough interest) to set up an online support group where Carers have an opportunity to meet others in similar situations and to build supportive and enriching friendships. If you are a Carer and would like to be a part of our group please email [martinapastoralworker@gmail.com](mailto:martinapastoralworker@gmail.com) indicating your interest. We would love to hear from you.

### The Deep End - Out In To The Light

Today, the 'middle' Sunday of Lent, is known as Laetare Sunday - Laetare means 'Rejoice!' We tend not to think of Lent as a time to rejoice, but signs of joy are central at Mass today, such as the use of flowers on the altar and rose-coloured vestments on the priest instead of the usual Lenten purple. The shadow of the cross still looms large, but we look forward with hope to Easter, when light will conquer the darkness.

We are offered an opportunity today to pause and reflect on our Lenten journey. In our Gospel we hear that 'the (person) who lives by the truth comes out into the light'. On the other hand, Jesus says that those who 'prefer darkness to the light' live in fear that their actions will be exposed.

We hear a lot of talk these days about transparency. We have seen the damage caused by those whose private actions gravely contradict the message they proclaim in the public sphere. Some questions we might ask ourselves this Lent are; Am I living a truthful life 'in the light'? Am I honest in my dealings with others, trying always to choose what is right and just, or are there things I do in secret that are unkind or dishonest? Am I attentive to the needs of others or am I more inclined to think of myself? Lent offers us the opportunity to step out into the light, to allow the light of Jesus to sweep away any darkness or destructive habits and to begin again.

*'We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when His light illuminates the dark moments of our existence, and we are able to share it with others; when we know when to smile with those who smile, and weep with those who weep; when we accompany those who are sad and at risk of losing hope; when we recount our experience of faith to those who are searching for meaning and happiness... and there - with our attitude, with our witness, with our life - we say "Jesus is Risen," with our soul.'* (Pope Francis)

**Triona Doherty**