



**NEWSLETTER** TWELFTH SUNDAY YEAR B THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018  
A PARISH OF THE MULLINGAR DEANERY

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**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**ST. JOSEPH'S, RATHWIRE.**

**Sunday Mass 12noon in St. Joseph's Cemetery.** For all the deceased interred in the parish cemeteries.

**Wednesday 9am**

**Friday 9am.**

*Sunday 12noon celebrating our Parish Family Day at the Killucan GAA pitch followed by picnic and fun*

**ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.**

**Saturday 6pm.** For all the deceased interred in the parish cemeteries.

**Sunday 10am.** For all the deceased interred in the parish cemeteries.

**Tuesday 9am**

**Thursday 9am**

**Saturday 6pm.** Missa pro populo.

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*Confessions: Fridays after Mass and Saturdays after the Vigil Mass*



**MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES COLLECTION: €935.00**  
**PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes): €579.50**



*THROUGH BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY: Katie Elizabeth Harris.*



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** in St. Joseph's Tue. 1pm-9pm. & St. Brigid's Wed. 6pm-10pm:  
*Special Diocesan intention of prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.*

**TO ASSIST NEXT WEEK**

*All kindly check in at the sacristy before Mass*

**ST. BRIGID'S Ministers of Holy Communion:** 6pm. Douglas Hynes, Margaret Farrelly & Sean Coyne. *Minister of the Word 6pm.* Maureen O'Neill. *The assistance of available Ministers of Holy Communion in the GAA Pitch next Sunday would be most helpful. Please come to Fr. Mark at the Altar beforehand. Thanks*

**PARISH FAMILY DAY SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2018 AT THE KILLUCAN GAA PITCH**

This is a free event for all parishioners and their families to enjoy.  
Mass will be celebrated at 12noon (*there will be no 10am or 11:30am Mass*) followed by the Parish Picnic with lots of fun and games provided.  
Also we hope many of you will also give us a song or dance on the stage as we host Killucan's Got Talent!  
Sheets are available after Masses this weekend to put your name down for a slot on the day  
So brush up your party pieces!  
There will be games for all the family to partake in!! Prizes and medals too!  
Bring your picnic table, chairs, rug etc and don't forget to pack the picnic.  
Coffee & tea will be provided.  
Please pack a little extra for any parishioner, especially older or single folk, who might need a picnic provided.  
It has been brilliant to have received the support of so many to assist with the planning.



*The next meeting for anyone interested in helping is Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm in the Parochial House.*

**CEMETERY SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018**

**St. Joseph's Cemetery, Rathwire 12noon Mass**

*Could Ministers of Holy Communion please make themselves available at the Altar beforehand.*

Kilcolumb Graveyard Devotions after the 10am Mass, Raharney

A special welcome to all families who have come home for this time of remembering our beloved dead. In particular we think of those whom we buried since last we gathered and let us not forget those who no longer have family to stand and pray at their graves. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace, Amen.*

Thanks to Dick and many others for having the grounds looking so dignified and also thanks to you who attend so attentively to your family graves. A collection will be taken at the cemetery gates for the upkeep of the grounds. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



**THE ICON OF THE HOLY FAMILY** As part of our parish on-going preparations for the World Meeting of Families, two Icons of the Holy Family are available from one Sunday to the next, over the months until the visit of Pope Francis in August, for families to take for a week and perhaps invite their extended families or neighbours round to their home for a celebration of the rosary and refreshments. A pack is provided to guide the family if they are wondering what to do! Fr. Mark will gladly attend the house gathering if you would like him to. Please sign in at the church sacristies to book your week to host the Icon of the Holy Family or contact the Parish Office.

An invitation is extended to families around our parish to attend Mass in the Cathedral Mullingar on Friday 29 June at 7:30pm as the Icon of the Holy Family, which was blessed in Knock last August and has travelled around the country as we prepare for the World Meeting of Families this August will have arrived for families to venerate and leave their written prayer requests which will be left at the Altar on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August when Pope Francis celebrates the closing Mass of the World Meeting of Families.

**APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE**  
**OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN**  
**TODAY'S WORLD**

To recognize the word that the Lord wishes to speak to us through one of his saints, we do not need to get caught up in details, for there we might also encounter mistakes and failures. Not everything a saint says is completely faithful to the Gospel; not everything he or she does is authentic or perfect. What we need to contemplate is the totality of their life, their entire journey of growth in holiness, the reflection of Jesus Christ that emerges when we grasp their overall meaning as a person. This is a powerful summons to all of us. You too need to see the entirety of your life as a mission. Try to do so by listening to God in prayer and recognizing the signs that he gives you. Always ask the Spirit what Jesus expects from you at every moment of your life and in every decision you must make, so as to discern its place in the mission you have received. Allow the Spirit to forge in you the personal mystery that can reflect Jesus Christ in today's world. May you come to realize what that word is, the message of Jesus that God wants to speak to the world by your life. Let yourself be transformed. Let yourself be renewed by the Spirit, so that this can happen, lest you fail in your precious mission. The Lord will bring it to fulfilment despite your mistakes and missteps, provided that you do not abandon the path of love but remain ever open to his supernatural grace, which purifies and enlightens. *Full version www.vatican.va*



July 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Join with Fr. Mark on the traditional three day pilgrimage to Lough Derg! You are invited to walk in the spiritual foot-steps of your ancestors and be part of the unbroken link of Lough Derg as a place of continuous prayer for over 50 generations (1500 years). If interested contacted 044-9374818.

**BISHOP ELECT TOM DEENIHAN** Last Monday Pope Francis named Canon Tom Deenihan of Cork & Ross Diocese as successor to Bishop Michael Smith whose resignation was accepted after 35 years of service as Bishop in the Diocese of Meath. We offer our congratulations to Bishop Elect Tom and his family, assuring him of our prayers as he prepares for his ordination on 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Ordained in 1991 for Cork & Ross, he has also worked nationally with CPSMA

**OFFICIAL FAMILY PRAYER FOR WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018**

God, our Father,  
We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,  
One family, in the Spirit of your love.  
Bless us with the joy of love.

Make us patient and kind,  
gentle and generous,  
welcoming to those in need.  
Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.

Protect all families with your loving care,  
Especially those for whom we now pray:

[We pause and remember family members and others by name].

Increase our faith,  
Strengthen our hope,  
Keep us safe in your love,  
Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.

This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen

Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.  
Saint Joseph, father and protector,  
pray for us.  
Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.  
Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us.

**COMMUNITY NOTES**

**Mullingar Deanery Pioneers**, bus to Knock for Matt Talbot pilgrimage on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July. Anyone who wishes to travel contact 087-7944690. **Ballivor Community Centre** Summer Camp from 30<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> August for Boys & Girls 3 – 12 years. Contact Grainne on 086-3566061 or see gkstageacademy.com