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**MASS INTENTIONS:**

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

**Saturday 6pm** Mary Hill (1<sup>st</sup> Ann). Patrick, Margaret & Ollie Smyth.

**Sunday 11:30am** Veronica Fayne

**Wednesday 9am**

**Friday 9am**

**Saturday 6pm** Sean, Elizabeth & Joseph Glennon and deceased family.

**Sunday 11:30am** Missa pro populo.

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

**Sunday 10am** Missa pro populo.

**Tuesday 9am**

**Thursday 9am**

**Sunday 10am** Pierce Gilbride; Maurice Lynam.

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



**MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: PETER'S PENCE €755.00**

**PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes): €872.00**

*Thanks for your generous contribution to the Peter's Pence Collection last weekend and the recent June Offering Day*



**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**

**ST. BRIGID'S Ministers of Holy Communion:** 10am. Peter Fagan, Edward Fox & Martina Mockler. Minister of the Word: Vincent Smyth. **ST. JOSEPH'S Ministers of Holy Communion:** 6pm. Anne Maher & Marie Leavy. 11.30 Jimmy Garty, Barbara Gough & Johanna Farrell. Ministers of the Word: 6pm. Maureen O'Neill. 11.30 Claire Corroon.

*All kindly check in at the sacristy before Mass*

**APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE**

**OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN TODAY'S WORLD**

It is not healthy to love silence while fleeing interaction with others, to want peace and quiet while avoiding activity, to seek prayer while disdaining service. Everything can be accepted and integrated into our life in this world, and become a part of our path to holiness. We are called to be contemplatives even in the midst of action, and to grow in holiness by responsibly and generously carrying out our proper mission. Could the Holy Spirit urge us to carry out a mission and then ask us to abandon it, or not fully engage in it, so as to preserve our inner peace? Yet there are times when we are tempted to relegate pastoral engagement or commitment in the world to second place, as if these were "distractions" along the path to growth in holiness and interior peace. We can forget that "life does not have a mission, but is a mission". Needless to say, anything done out of anxiety, pride or the need to impress others will not lead to holiness. We are challenged to show our commitment in such a way that everything we do has evangelical meaning and identifies us all the more with Jesus Christ. We often speak, for example, of the spirituality of the catechist, the spirituality of the diocesan priesthood, the spirituality of work. For the same reason, in *Evangelii Gaudium* I concluded by speaking of a spirituality of mission, in *Laudato Si'* of an ecological spirituality, and in *Amoris Laetitia* of a spirituality of family life. Full version [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)

**ANNUAL NOVENA OF ST. CAMILLUS**

**SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY: FEAST OF ST. CAMILLUS** 10:30am Mass in the grounds at the grotto of Our Lady of Fatima with Bishop Michael Smith principle celebrant. There will be a Night Vigil of Thanksgiving with torchlight procession in the evening from 10:00pm until 2:00am. All are welcome.



**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 coming weeks until the visit of Pope Francis at the end of 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.

**MEATH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

Led by Bishop Michael Smith 12<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Cost: €749 To book: Pilgrimage Abroad Ltd, 164 Lower Baggot St., Dublin 2. Tel: 01-6359300 or contact Ann Maher 087-9308405

**MEATH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK** on 12th August 2018

**PRIDE OF PLACE** It is a wonderful achievement that Killucan/Rathwire/Raharney won the opportunity to represent County Westmeath in the *National Pride of Place* competition. The judging takes place on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August so everyone is asked to lean their support and do their best to have our community looking and feeling its very best on that day!



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Please pick up any litter you come upon when out and about. When walking the dog make sure to clean up after any loo stop! Kindly have your front garden, fences & walls looking neat, tidy and clean.

*All groups in the community are invited to send two people to represent them at our weekly meetings over the coming weeks on Mondays at 8pm in Killucan Hall.*

**COMMUNITY NOTES**

**Raharney United** Family Fun Day 22<sup>nd</sup> July from 12pm at the Higginstown grounds. **The Irish Cancer Society** needs an extra 50 drivers for our Volunteer Driver Service in Meath to drive cancer patients to and from their chemotherapy appointments in the following hospitals – the Mater; St. James's; St. Vincent's and Tallaght. We are looking for drivers with free weekday availability and who have a car available to them. Drivers should be able to commit to driving at least two full (week)days a month. All volunteer expenses are paid. If you would like to volunteer, please call Laura on 01 2310 594, email [transport@irishcancer.ie](mailto:transport@irishcancer.ie) for an application form.

**VOCATIONS CORNER** At present we have only three students for the diocese. We need more to at least explore the possibilities of perhaps someday being ordained a priest for ministry in the parishes of our diocese! Ever think about becoming a diocesan priest – why not explore the thought more? Do you know of someone you think may have a vocation to the priesthood – why not ask them to consider it further? Check out [www.dioceseofmeath.ie/vocations](http://www.dioceseofmeath.ie/vocations) or the Facebook page Meath Diocese Vocations.

**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.

**A SUMMER PRAYER**

Dear God, Thank You that it's summertime once again!  
Thank you for bright sunshine,  
beaches for swimming and  
warm sand to sink my toes in.  
Thank You for Your summertime gifts  
of ice cream cones, watermelon,  
fireworks and carnivals.  
Thank You for showers of rain  
and puddles to splash in.  
Remind me to think of You  
when the breeze is blowing,  
when the birds are singing,  
and when the sun is warm on my face.  
All these good things are gifts from You.  
Remind me to pray to You  
each and every summer day  
with joy and wonder and thanks  
for all Your great gifts! Thank You for  
all Your awesome and amazing  
summertime blessings!

Amen.