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MASS INTENTIONS:

ST. JOSEPH'S, RATHWIRE.

Saturday 6pm Sean, Elizabeth and Joseph Glennon

Sunday 11:30am Bernard & Josie Stokes; Bernie & Pat Stokes

Wednesday 9am

Friday 9am.

Saturday 6pm Sandra Roche MM

Sunday 11:30am Missa pro populo

ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.

Sunday 10am Rose Larkin 1st Ann.

Tuesday 9am

Thursday 9am

Sunday 10am Pierce Gilbride; Maurice Lynam

Confessions: Fridays after Mass and Saturdays after the Vigil Mass

**Mass in Knockmant Graveyard
at 4pm on Saturday,
3rd August 2019**



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: ST. JOSEPH'S € 245.00 ST. BRIGID'S €185.00
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes): €351.00



RIP Rose Rooney, Hill of Down
John O'Brien, Wales

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



In St. Joseph's Tuesday 1pm-9pm.
& St. Brigid's Wed. 6pm-10pm:
*Special Diocesan intention of prayer
for vocations and the family.*

All kindly check in at the sacristy before Mass

TO ASSIST NEXT WEEK

ST. BRIGID'S Ministers of Holy Communion: 10am. Peter Fagan, Edward Fox & Martina Mockler. *Minister of the Word:* 10am. Criostoir O'Brien.

ST. JOSEPH'S Ministers of Holy Communion: 6pm. Anne Maher & Mary Leech. 11:30am. Jimmy Garty, Barbara Gough & Johanna Farrell. *Ministers of the Word:* 6pm. Paul Dunne. 11:30am Claire Corroon.

VOCATIONS CORNER Do you have a dream of doing some service that's pleasing to God...and good for God's struggling people? Is your faith important to you? Could God be calling you to be a missionary priest or lay missionary? If you see yourself today making a difference and feel drawn to work as a missionary overseas, come and explore the possibilities as a Columban Lay Missionary, Priest or Volunteer. You are invited to check out www.columban.com or St. Columban's, Dalgan Park, Navan, Co. Meath 046-9021525



FEAST OF ST. CAMILLUS A special word of thanks to Fr. Frank Monks and the Community of St. Camillus for kindly inviting our parish community to lead the Vigil Mass last weekend. As ever the Novena was a privileged occasion for all in the local community to participate in and honour St. Camillus, Patron of the Sick.

Due to a computer issue we had to make do with reprinting this extract again. A second glance!!

Young saints

The heart of the Church is also full of young saints who devoted their lives to Christ, many of them even to dying a martyr's death. They were precious reflections of the young Christ; their radiant witness encourages us and awakens us from our lethargy. The Synod pointed out that "many young saints have allowed the features of youth to shine forth in all their beauty, and in their day they have been real prophets of change. Their example shows what the young are capable of, when they open themselves up to encounter Christ". "Through the holiness of the young, the Church can renew her spiritual ardour and her apostolic vigour. The balm of holiness generated by the good lives of so many young people can heal the wounds of the Church and of the world, bringing us back to that fullness of love to which we have always been called: young saints inspire us to return to our first love (cf. Rev 2:4)". Some saints never reached adulthood, yet they showed us that there is another way to spend our youth. Let us recall at least some of them who, each in his or her own way, and at different periods of history, lived lives of holiness. In the third century, Saint Sebastian was a young captain of the Praetorian Guard. It is said that he spoke constantly of Christ and tried to convert his companions, to the point that he was ordered to renounce his faith. Since he refused, he was shot with arrows, yet he survived and continued to proclaim Christ fearlessly. In the end, Sebastian was flogged to death. Saint Francis of Assisi, while very young and full of great dreams, heard Jesus' call to become poor like him and to rebuild the Church by his witness. He joyfully renounced everything he had and is now the saint of universal fraternity, the brother of all. He praised the Lord for his creatures. Francis died in 1226. Saint Joan of Arc was born in 1412. She was a young peasant girl who, despite her tender years, fought to defend France from invaders. Misunderstood for her demeanour, her actions and her way of living the faith, Joan was burned at the stake. Blessed Andrew Phû Yên was a young Vietnamese man of the seventeenth century. He was a catechist and assisted the missionaries. He was imprisoned for his faith, and since he refused to renounce it, he was killed. Andrew died uttering the name of Jesus. In that same century, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, a young native of North America, was persecuted for her faith and, to escape, walked over three hundred kilometres in the wilderness. Kateri consecrated herself to God and died saying: "Jesus, I love you!" Saint Dominic Savio offered all his sufferings to Mary. When Saint John Bosco taught him that holiness involves being constantly joyful, he opened his heart to a contagious joy. He wanted to be close to the most abandoned and infirm of his fellow young people. Dominic died in 1857 at fourteen years of age, saying: "What a wondrous thing I am experiencing!" Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus was born in 1873. At fifteen years of age, having overcome many difficulties, she succeeded in entering the Carmelite convent. Thérèse lived the little way of complete trust in the Lord's love and determined to fan with her prayers the fire of love burning in the heart of the Church. Blessed Ceferino Namuncurá was a young Argentinian, the son of the chief of a remote tribe of indigenous peoples. He became a Salesian seminarian, filled with the desire to return to his tribe, bringing Jesus Christ to them. Ceferino died in 1905. Blessed Isidore Bakanja was a layman from the Congo who bore witness to his faith. He was tortured at length for having proposed Christianity to other young people. Forgiving his executioner, Isidore died in 1909. Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, who died in 1925, "was a young man filled with a joy that swept everything along with it, a joy that also overcame many difficulties in his life". Pier Giorgio said that he wanted to return the love of Jesus that he received in Holy Communion by visiting and helping the poor. Blessed Marcel Callo was a young French man who died in 1945. Marcel was imprisoned in a concentration camp in Austria, where he strengthened his fellow prisoners in faith amid harsh labours. The young Blessed Chiara Badano, who died in 1990, "experienced how pain could be transfigured by love... The key to her peace and joy was her complete trust in the Lord and the acceptance of her illness as a mysterious expression of his will for her sake and that of others". May these and so many other young people who perhaps in silence and hiddenness lived the Gospel to the full, intercede for the Church, so that she may be full of joyous, courageous and committed young people who can offer the world new testimonies of holiness.

Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis to Young People and to the entire People of God

YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT! (18-40years) at Dalgan Park, Navan 26-28 July. (Fri eve - Sun afternoon) Cost is donation. Phone: 090 6481666 or email: youthretreats@gmail.com 'Do not be afraid to dream of great things', Pope Francis.

MEATH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK on 11th August 2018

COMMUNITY NOTES

Camillian Pilgrimage 2019 Following in the footsteps of the great saints, St. Pio & St. Camillus; visiting San Giovanni, Alba Adriatica & Rome. Departing 26th September for seven nights. Spiritual Director will be Fr. Frank Monks MI. For full itinerary contact Mary Briody on 087-6336513 **Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 9-14 September 2019.** Bookings can be made with Pilgrimage Abroad Ltd, Lower Baggot St, Dublin 2. Tel 01-6359300. email: info@pilgrimagesabroad.ie

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