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**MASS INTENTIONS:**

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

**Saturday 6pm** Sandra Roche MM

**Sunday 11:30am** Edward & Rose Lawlor

**Wednesday 9am**

**First Friday 9am.** Parish List of the Dead

**First Saturday 10am.** Anniversaries Occurring

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

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

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

**Tuesday 9am**

**Thursday 9am**

**Saturday 6pm** Missa pro populo

**Sunday 10am** Missa pro populo

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

**FIRST FRIDAY COMMUNION CALLS:**

This Wednesday Fr. Mark will call to parishioners who are sick and housebound.

**Mass in Knockmant Graveyard  
next Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August  
at 4pm**

**MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: ST. JOSEPH'S € 365.00 ST. BRIGID'S €215.00**  
**PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes): €713.50**

**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.*



**RIP** Eugene Cassidy, Clones  
Pat Timmons, Newbridge

**TO ASSIST NEXT WEEK**

**All kindly check in at the sacristy before Mass**

**ST. BRIGID'S Ministers of Holy Communion:** 6pm. Michael Carey, Phil Tiffit & Mary Leech. 10am. Molly Doyle, Clifford Naughton & Paul O'Looney. **Minister of the Word:** 6pm. Maureen O'Neill. 10am. Sally Coyne.

**ST. JOSEPH'S Ministers of Holy Communion:** 11:30am. Rose Mullen, Erica Hynes & Marie Leavy. **Ministers of the Word:** 11:30am Marguerite McGauran.

**MEATH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SUNDAY 11TH AUGUST 2019**

Everyone is welcome to join with the Meath Diocesan Choir and pilgrims from across the diocese for the annual pilgrimage, this year being led for the first time by our new bishop Most Rev. Tom Deenihan.

**Bus from Turin departing 8:30am, to reserve seat contact 0469738015**

**VOCATIONS CORNER** 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).

**Migrants as an epitome of our time.**

How can we fail to think of all those young people affected by movements of migration? "Migration, considered globally, is a structural phenomenon, and not a passing emergency. It may occur within one country or between different countries. The Church's concern is focused especially on those fleeing from war, violence, political or religious persecution, from natural disasters including those caused by climate change, and from extreme poverty. Many of them are young. In general, they are seeking opportunities for themselves and their families. They dream of a better future and they want to create the conditions for achieving it". Migrants "remind us of a basic aspect of our faith, that we are 'strangers and exiles on the earth' (Heb 11:13)". Other migrants are "attracted by western culture, sometimes with unrealistic expectation that expose them to grave disappointments. Unscrupulous traffickers, frequently linked to drug cartels, exploit the weakness of immigrants, who too often experience violence, trafficking, psychological and physical abuse and untold suffering on their journey. Nor must we overlook the particular vulnerability of migrants who are unaccompanied minors, or the situation of those compelled to spend many years in refugee camps, or those who remain trapped for a long time in transit countries, without being able to pursue a course of studies or to use their talents. In some host countries, migration causes fear and alarm, often fomented and exploited for political ends. This can lead to xenophobic mentality, as people close in on themselves, and this needs to be addressed decisively".

**CHRISTUS VIVIT – CHRIST IS ALIVE!**

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

**ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH** The Parish Finance Committee have engaged Irish Church Furniture, Leitrim, to assist with improving the seating in the both churches. In the coming months in St. Brigid's Raharney, the problem of the narrow aisle to be addressed, but there is also a Health & Safety issue relating to accessing the side doors with the current seating arrangement. In seeking to solve this the seats have been temporarily re-arranged as the matter is being dealt with. We appreciate too your kind assistance and understanding with this endeavour. For reception of Holy Communion please approach the altar as usual from the main aisle and return by the side aisles to left or right. Thank you.



**GETTING MARRIED!**

We keep all engaged couples in our prayers as they prepare to celebrate their Wedding Day!

Many people do not realise that even-though getting married is a public event, all that is required for a valid Sacrament of Marriage contract to take place are the couple themselves, two witnesses and the priest or deacon. So, there is no excuse in delaying getting married due to concerns with regard to costs! Couples can go all out for a big celebration or decide upon a smaller more intimate celebration. What matters is the love two people have for each other and their desire to enter into the Sacrament of Marriage before God and the faith community. Also, the Sacrament of Marriage is a Church ceremony in and off itself. It is either celebrated within the context of Mass or without.

Please note that at least six-month's notice must be given if intending to get married abroad, as there are important Church documents to be completed and sent to the place where the Sacrament will be celebrated. For those intending to celebrate the Sacrament here in Ireland please contact the priest who will be assisting you and the parish in which you hope to have the ceremony before booking any venue for the wedding reception in case the dates are not available.

**ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING**

On the First Saturday of the Month deceased loved ones whose anniversaries are occurring will be remembered at the 10 a.m. Mass. This is a means to facilitate the remembrance of loved ones by name, which isn't always possible at the particular weekend of their anniversary or birthday commemoration due to the Sunday Mass intentions already booked up. Family members are invited to light a candle of memory to be presented during the Mass. Please contact the Parish Office at least a week beforehand so as names and candles can be prepared.

**CROAGH PATRICK** This weekend is Reek Sunday when thousands undertake the annual pilgrimage up Croagh Patrick organised by the Archdiocese of Tuam and the local parishioners. We will make our own parish pilgrimage on a less hectic day on Saturday 24th August! So keep the date! It is never about getting to the top but just going up as far as you safely can. What matters most is joining with us for a special parish day and sharing in the Croagh Patrick experience. More details in the coming weeks.

**COMMUNITY NOTES**

**Camillian Pilgrimage 2019** Following in the footsteps of the great saints, St. Pio & St. Camillus; visiting San Giovanni, Alba Adriatica & Rome. Departing 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:info@pilgrimagesabroad.ie)

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**CHILD SAFEGUARDING**  
See the church notice boards  
and diocesan website.

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For Marriage Preparation Courses  
or for marriage and relationship  
counselling [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

**VOCATIONS CORNER**  
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