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**MASS INTENTIONS:**

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

**Sunday 11:30am** Francis & Michael Tully MM; Michael Cannon 1<sup>st</sup> Ann.

**Wednesday 9am**

**Thursday 7pm** *Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**Friday 9am.**

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

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

**Saturday 6pm** Missa pro populo

**Sunday 10am** Missa pro populo

**Tuesday 9am**

**Saturday 6pm** Séan Coyne MM

**Sunday 10am** Missa pro populo

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



**MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: ST. JOSEPH'S € 185.00 ST. BRIGID'S €365.00**  
**PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes): €521.00**

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.*

**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. Peter Fagan, Edward Fox & Martina Mockler. Minister of the Word: 6pm. Lily Connaughton. 10am. Liz Naughton.

**ST. JOSEPH'S** Ministers of Holy Communion: 11:30am. Jimmy Garty, Barbara Gough & Johanna Farrell. Ministers of the Word: 11:30am Patricia Doyle.

**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).

**MEATH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK** this weekend 11th August. The main celebrant and preacher will be Bishop Tom Deenihan and the choir taking part is the Meath Diocesan Choir. If any wheelchair users have special needs please phone Knock Shrine directly. Confessions 11.00am to 5.00pm, Anointing of the Sick 2.30pm, Pilgrimage Mass at 3.00pm followed by Benediction, Rosary Procession to the Shrine and Blessing of Religious Objects.

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

*I am happy to be here with you. I am happy to be with you in the house of Our Lady. And I thank God for this opportunity, in the context of the World Meeting of Families, to visit this Shrine, so dear to the Irish people. I thank Archbishop Neary and the Rector, Father Gibbons, for their warm welcome. In the Apparition Chapel, I lifted up to Our Lady's loving intercession all the families of the world, and, in a special way, your families, the families of Ireland. Mary our Mother knows the joys and struggles felt in each home. Holding them in her Immaculate Heart, she brings them with love to the throne of her Son. As a remembrance of my visit, I have presented the Shrine with a rosary. I know how important the tradition of the family rosary has been in this country. I warmly encourage you to continue this tradition. Who can tell how many hearts, of fathers, mothers and children alike, have drawn comfort and strength over the years from meditating on Our Lady's participation in the joyful, luminous, sorrowful and glorious mysteries of Christ's life! Mary is Mother. Mary is our Mother and the Mother of the Church, and it is to her that we commend today the journey of God's faithful people on this emerald isle. We ask that our families be sustained in their efforts to advance Christ's Kingdom and to care for the least of our brothers and sisters. Amid the storms and winds that buffet our times, may families be a bulwark of faith and goodness, resisting, in the best traditions of this nation, all that would diminish our dignity as men and women created in God's image and called to the sublime destiny of eternal life. May Our Lady also look with mercy on all the suffering members of her Son's family. In my prayer before her statue, I presented to her in particular all the survivors of abuse committed by members of the Church in Ireland. None of us can fail to be moved by the stories of young people who suffered abuse, were robbed of their innocence, were separated from their mothers, and were left scarred by painful memories. This open wound challenges us to be firm and decisive in the pursuit of truth and justice. I beg the Lord's forgiveness for these sins and for the scandal and betrayal felt by so many others in God's family. I ask our Blessed Mother to intercede for all the survivors of abuse of any kind and to confirm every member of our Christian family in the resolve never again to permit these situations to occur. And to intercede for all of us, so that we can proceed always with justice and remedy, to the extent it depends on us, such violence. My pilgrimage to Knock also allows me to address a warm greeting to the beloved people of Northern Ireland. Although my Journey for the World Meeting of Families does not include a visit to the North, I assure you of my affection and my closeness in prayer. I ask Our Lady to sustain all the members of the Irish family to persevere, as brothers and sisters, in the work of reconciliation. With gratitude for advance of ecumenism, and the significant growth of friendship and cooperation between the Christian communities, I pray that all Christ's followers will support the continuing efforts to advance the peace process and to build a harmonious and just society for today's children, be they Christians, Muslims, Jews, or of any faith: the children of Ireland. Now, with these intentions, and all the intentions hidden in our hearts, let us turn to the Blessed Virgin Mary in the prayer of the Angelus.*

*Pope Francis, Knock 26<sup>th</sup> August 2019*

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO CROAGH PATRICK**

To mark one year on from the World Meeting of Families and the visit of Pope Francis you are invited to join us on a parish day out on pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick 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. Those interested in travelling can put their names down in the sacristy after Mass or phone 044-9374127 to leave your name and contact number.

The coach will be leaving from Raharney at 8am and Rathwire at 8:15am. Mass will be celebrated outdoors by the Famine Memorial and then pilgrims will begin the climb. There is a plenty to do for those who feel not able to climb, so please don't feel left out but come and join us to experience this beautiful sacred place. Please bring a packed lunch etc and rain gear, appropriate footwear and a change of clothes in case of bad weather! We will make arrangements to have a meal on the way back.

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