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**MASS INTENTIONS:**

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

**Saturday 6pm** Michael Cannon (MM). Mary Fox. Ritchie Lynch & dec. Family

**Sunday 11.30am** Vera Longe. Joseph & Elizabeth Clyne.

**Saturday 6pm.** William Dunne & dec. Dunne Family. Ethel Eagles.

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

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

**Sunday 10am** Rose Larkin (MM).

**Tuesday 9am**

**Sunday 10am** Peter & Mae Doyle.

Mass this Wednesday to Friday with the Camillians at 10:30am  
*Confessions: Fridays after Mass and Saturdays after the Vigil Mass*



**MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: ST. JOSEPH'S €370.00 ST. BRIGID'S €245.00**  
**PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes): €900.90**  
*Sincere thanks for the August Offerings*



**THROUGH BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY:**  
*James Nea, Bella Rose Duncan, Ieva Valatkaite, Mattie Keegan-Goss, Parker Collins.*

**INTO YOUR HANDS O LORD WE COMMEND:** Mary Preston (Quinn) Coventry, England

**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:** 10am: Declan Weir, Noel & Marie Greville. *Minister of the Word* 10am: Vincent Smyth.

**ST. JOSEPH'S Ministers of Holy Communion:** 6pm: Jennifer Flood & Marie Leavy. 11:30am. Maura McAulliffe, Mary Briody & Sharon Fitzpatrick. *Ministers of the Word:* 6pm: Paul Dunne. 11.30. Des Smyth.



**WELCOME TO OUR NEW BISHOP!**

After the celebration of the episcopal ordination of the Most Reverend Tom Deenihan last Sunday in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar we pray God's blessing on his new ministry amongst us. Bishop Tom is this week attending a course in Rome for the new bishops appointed around the world in the past year, after which he will travel to Lourdes to join the Meath diocesan pilgrimage to Our Lady's Grotto. We look forward to welcoming him to our parish at some stage in the months ahead. Bishop Tom's Episcopal motto "Illuminabit te Christus" (Christ will give you light) is taken from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians (5:14). His coat of arms includes the three mitres which represent the diocese of Meath; the "Bantry Boat" is taken from an 8th century pillar in the town where Bishop Tom lived and worked for many years. It has been interpreted as the boat of St Brendan and also as a representation of the Church - carrying the people of God towards the light of heaven. The silver star is a classical symbol of our Blessed Lady who is invoked as Star of the Sea.

**KERALA FLOOD RELIEF**

A special second collection will be taken at all Masses this weekend 9<sup>th</sup> September to assist the relatives and home parishes of our parishioners originally from Kerala in India. They are left devastated after the worse floods in living memory. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.

**CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES 2019**

Confirmation will be celebrated on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 in St. Joseph's at 11am.  
First Holy Communion will be celebrated on the 18<sup>th</sup> May in St. Brigid's Raharney at 11am.  
First Holy Communion will be celebrated on the 25<sup>th</sup> May in St. Joseph's Rathwire at 11am.

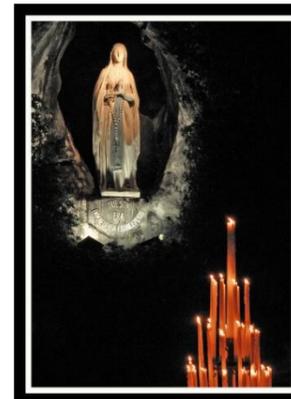
Many families take these sacraments for granted and assume their children will automatically receive them. The celebration of all the sacraments presupposes a proper disposition towards believing in and practicing the Catholic Faith. It involves the participation of the whole family in the weekly celebration of the faith, with the parish community at Mass and the daily expression of faith at home, in school and in public. Serious consideration must be given to seeking any of the sacraments, beginning of course with Baptism. It is important that we encourage one another, our families, our friends and our neighbours, in the faith and strive to give humble witness to our identity with Christ and the Gospel message. Pope Francis spoke about this and so much more as he concluded the World Meeting of Families here in Ireland two weeks ago. As a faith community we gladly invite those families who don't often come to Mass but who wish to celebrate the sacraments to begin afresh and join with us on the journey of faith, hope and love towards Heaven. Please in the weeks ahead generously reach out to relatives or friends and remind them that if they have children to present for the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion to come to our weekend Masses as we prepare to begin the Preparation Programmes in October.



**ALTAR SERVERS** All current altar servers and those who wish to become an altar server can pick up new Registration Forms 2018/19 after Mass in the sacristy. Being a server is a very special role to assist Fr. Mark and to lead the people in celebrating Holy Mass. A huge thanks to the senior altar servers who have completed their role and we also thank their parents/guardians for their valued support.

**PARISH FLOWER AND ALTAR SOCIETY** Those who are involved in both Raharney and Rathwire are asked to attend a brief meeting in St. Joseph's Church on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 6:45pm followed by an evening out to say thanks! If you are unable to attend, please contact the parish office.

**MEATH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 12 – 17 SEPTEMBER.**



This is a special year for the Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. The first pilgrimage travelled in 1948 and this year we are celebrating 70 years. During those years many sick people have been able to go to Lourdes with the assistance of volunteers who attend to the needs of pilgrims. It is a bringing together of people from all over the Diocese and it is an experience of grace and joy and healing for so many people. This year also marks a special celebration in Lourdes itself; it is 160 years ago since our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette. The grotto in Lourdes, the water, the baths, the processions, the Eucharist, the candles, the music, the gathering of people from all over the world are all part of a special place where pilgrims experience the healing presence of God and hearts are uplifted. This Wednesday, Sept 12th, the pilgrimage will once again travel to Lourdes with Bishop Deenihan and Bishop Smith, our sick, our volunteer staff and pilgrims. The pilgrimage is possible because of the generosity of so many people, it is a time of blessing and grace for our entire Diocese. Please keep the pilgrims in your prayers as they carry with them the intentions of so many people and lay them into the hands of our Lord through the intercession of Mary. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

**VOCATIONS CORNER:** "I am particularly conscious of my role in supporting, as best I can, the spirit of joy in the priests of the Diocese. They are the men who minister in so many different places, in so many different contexts and in oft difficult circumstances reaching out to those whom they minister to. It is not always easy being a priest today. They deserve support from Bishop and Parishioners." *Bishop Tom Deenihan, Address in the Cathedral, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2018*  
Think about becoming a priest for the diocese of Meath! For more info check out [www.dioceseofmeath.ie/vocations](http://www.dioceseofmeath.ie/vocations)

**COMMUNITY NOTES**

**Killucan Raharney Golden Years Club** resumes after the summer break on Wednesday 12th September in the centre. We look forward to seeing everyone then and as always new members are welcome. **Cairde Killucan** resumes on Tuesday 11th with a meeting at 8 p.m. in Rathwire Hall followed by Pilates demonstration. Social morning every Monday at 11a.m. with Pickleball, crafts, cards or simply a cup of tea and a chat. All are welcome. Bowls every Tuesday and Bridge every Wednesday. **Mullingar Community College** invites you to Evening Courses Enrolment on Wednesday 12th September and Monday 17th September from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. You can enrol to learn a new skill or hobby or perhaps start a new career.