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MASS INTENTIONS:

ST. JOSEPH'S, RATHWIRE.

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

Sunday 11.30am Missa pro populo.

Wednesday 9am

Friday 9am

Saturday 6pm. Kathleen & Patrick Leavy. John Joe Kiernan. Ber Murtagh.

Sunday 11:30am Billy Leavy (1st Ann). Martin Ayers. Tom, John & Mary Brown.

ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.

Sunday 10am Peter & Mae Doyle.

Tuesday 9am

Thursday 9am

Sunday 10am Sr. Angela Mooney (1st Ann).

Confessions: Fridays after Mass and Saturdays after the Vigil Mass



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: ST. JOSEPH'S €355.00 ST. BRIGID'S €240.00
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes): €620.00
Sincere thanks for the Special Collection for Kerala.



ON RECENTLY CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE WE CONGRATULATE:
Jean Flanagan & Conor Slater



INTO YOUR HANDS O LORD WE COMMEND: John Keenan, Castledown, The Downs



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: Peter Fagan, Edward Fox & Martina Mockler.
Minister of the Word 10am: Liz Naughton.

ST. JOSEPH'S Ministers of Holy Communion: 6pm: Jennifer Flood & Mary Gilsean. 11:30am. Rose Mullen, Anne Maher & Marie Leavy. *Ministers of the Word:* 6pm: Anne Rooney. 11.30. Patricia Doyle.

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, 2nd September 2018*
Think about becoming a priest for the diocese of Meath! For more info check out www.dioceseofmeath.ie/vocations



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 26th 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.



Please continue to remember the pilgrims in your prayers, especially those who are sick and their carers. Be assured of your intentions being remembered at a special ceremony this Sunday evening when the large candles are lit at the pilgrimage closing ceremony and then placed at the Grotto.
www.lourdes-france.org/en

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES 2019

Confirmation will be celebrated on Wednesday 3rd April 2019 in St. Joseph's at 11am.

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on the 18th May in St. Brigid's Raharney at 11am.

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on the 25th May in St. Joseph's Rathwire at 11am.

ADDRESS OF POPE FRANCIS TO RECENTLY MARRIED AND ENGAGED COUPLES

St Mary's Pro-Cathedral (Dublin), Saturday, 25 August 2018

Good afternoon! Dear friends,

I am pleased that we can meet in this historic Pro-Cathedral of Saint Mary's, which has seen countless celebrations of the sacrament of matrimony over the years. Looking out at you, at your youth, I ask myself: so then it isn't true what everybody says, that young people don't want to get married! Thank you. Getting married and sharing one's life is something beautiful. We have a saying in Spanish: "Sorrow shared by two is half a sorrow; joy shared by two is joy and a half". That is what marriage is like.

How much love has been expressed here, and how many graces have been received in this holy place! I thank Archbishop Martin for his cordial welcome. I am especially happy to be with all of you, engaged couples and married couples at different stages on the journey of sacramental love. It is also nice to hear the beautiful music coming from over there ... the sound of babies crying! That is a sign of hope, the loveliest music, but it is also the best sermon, to hear a baby crying, because it is a cry of hope, [a sign] that life goes on, that life goes forward, that love is fruitful. Look at the babies... But I greeted an elderly person too: we also have to look at the elderly, because the elderly are full of wisdom. Listen to what the elderly have to say, [ask them] "What was your life like?"

I liked the fact that you [turning to Vincent and Teresa, the elderly couple who were the first to speak] spoke first, after fifty years of marriage, because you have so much experience to share. The future and the past meet in the present. They – let me use the word – the "old", have wisdom. Even mothers-in-law have wisdom! [laughter] And children must listen to their wisdom, you young people ought to listen to their wisdom, and talk to them in order to keep going, because they are your roots. They are the roots and you draw from those roots in order to keep moving forward. I am going to come back to this later on, for sure, but I want to say it now, from the heart.

As I mentioned, I am particularly grateful for the testimony of Vincent and Teresa, who spoke to us of their experience of fifty years of marriage and family life. Thank you both for your words of encouragement and challenge addressed to a new generation of newlyweds and engaged couples, not only here in Ireland but throughout the world. They are not going to be like you; they are different. But they need your experience to be different, to keep moving forward. It is so important to listen to the elderly, to our grandparents! We have much to learn from your experience of a married life sustained daily by the grace of the sacrament.

I want to ask you: did you quarrel a lot? But that is part of marriage! A marriage without arguments is pretty boring... [laughter]. Yet there is a secret: plates can even fly, but the secret is to make up before the end of the day. And to make up there is no need to talk; a caress is enough, like that, and peace returns. Do you know why this is important? Because if you do not make up before going to bed, the "cold war" of the following day is too dangerous, resentment builds up... Yes, fight all you want, but make up at night. All right? Don't forget this, you young people... *(second half to follow)*

COMMUNITY NOTES

Cairde Killucan. 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 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.