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MASS INTENTIONS:

ST. JOSEPH'S, RATHWIRE.

Saturday 6pm Kathleen & Patrick Leavy. John Joe Kiernan. Ber Murtagh.
Sunday 11.30am Billy Leavy (1st Ann). Martin Ayers. Tom, John & Mary Brown.
Wednesday 9am
Friday 9am
Saturday 6pm. Séan & Kathleen Kellaghan (1st Ann)
Sunday 11:30am Jane & James Glynn and dec. family; Edward & Mary Gaffney

ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.

Sunday 10am Sr. Angela Mooney (1st Ann).
Tuesday 9am
Thursday 9am
Sunday 10am Missa pro populo

Confessions: Fridays after Mass and Saturdays after the Vigil Mass



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: ST. JOSEPH'S €325.00 ST. BRIGID'S €185.00
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes): €617.50
Sincere thanks for the Special Collection for Kerala €2,090.



INTO YOUR HANDS O LORD WE COMMEND: Kathleen Solan, Greystones

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: Molly Doyle, Clifford Naughton & Paul O'Looney.
Minister of the Word 10am: Roisin Mockler.

ST. JOSEPH'S Ministers of Holy Communion: 6pm: Anne Maher & Douglas Hynes. 11:30am. Jimmy Garty, Barbara Gough & Johanna Farrell. *Ministers of the Word:* 6pm: Maureen O'Neil. 11.30. Annette Farrell.

ST. PADRE PIO 25th May 1887-23rd September 1968. St. Padre Pio's life, on earth, touched many lives and it continues to this day. There are still many ways we can learn from this great saint's preaching. Here are five quotes of his that we can apply to our lives and learn from every day. "You don't have to be worthy, you only have to be willing." "God will never permit anything to happen to us that is not for our greater good." "God will always give us more than we deserve." "Serve the Lord with laughter." "Pray, hope, don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayers."



PRAYER TO ST. PADRE PIO Glorious, humble and beloved Padre Pio. Teach us, we pray, humility of heart, so that we may be counted among the little ones of the Gospel to whom the Father promised to reveal the mysteries of His Kingdom. Help us to pray without ceasing, certain that God knows what we need even before we ask Him. Amen.



WELL DONE! Wednesday 12th September was a big milestone in the lives of our young teenagers who received their Junior Cert. results. We hope all went well for you and be assured of our prayers as you take TY or the various options of subjects as you begin the two-year programme for the Leaving Cert.



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. **The first introduction and practices are:**
St. Brigid's Church, Raharney at 3:15pm Monday 24th September
St. Joseph's Church, Rathwire at 3:20pm Wednesday 26th September

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.

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019 Enrolment Forms for the children, with the support of their families, who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and make their First Holy Communion, will be available for the next two weekends after Mass in the Sacristies. Please encourage family and friends who may not regularly attend Mass that this is happening. Enrolment weekend will take place 13-14th October when we will celebrate *Thanksgiving for the Harvest*.

ADDRESS OF POPE FRANCIS TO RECENTLY MARRIED AND ENGAGED COUPLES

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

In growing together in this "partnership of life and love", you have experienced many joys and, to be sure, not a few sorrows as well. Together with all spouses who have come far along this path, you are the keepers of our collective memory. We will always need your faith-filled witness. It is a precious resource for young couples, who look to the future with excitement and hope and, perhaps... a touch of trepidation: what will that future be like? I also thank the young couples who have asked me several forthright questions. They are not easy to answer! Denis and Sinead are about to embark on a journey of love that, in God's plan, entails a life-long commitment. They asked how they can help others to see that marriage is not simply an institution but a vocation, a life that moves forward, a conscious and life-long decision to cherish, assist and protect one another. Surely we have to acknowledge that nowadays we are not used to anything that really lasts for the whole of our lives. We are living in a "culture of the provisional", we are used to it. If I feel hungry or thirsty, I can eat; but my feeling of being full does not last even a day. If I have a job, I know that I might lose it against my will, or I may have to choose a different career. It is even hard to keep track of the world as it changes all around us, as people come and go in our lives, as promises are made but often broken or left unfulfilled. Perhaps what you are really asking me is something even more basic: Is there anything precious that endures at all? This is the question. It seems that nothing beautiful or precious lasts. "Isn't there anything precious that lasts? Even love itself?" There is a temptation that the phrase "all the days of my life" that you will say to one another may change and, in time, die. If love does grow by more love, it doesn't last long. Those words "all the days of my life" are a commitment to make love grow, because love has nothing of the provisional. Call it excitement, call it, I don't know, enchantment, but real love is definitive, a "you and I". As we say in my country, it is "half of the orange": you are my half of the orange and I am your half of the orange. That is what love is like: everything and every day for all the days of your life. It is easy to find ourselves caught up in the culture of the provisional, the ephemeral, and that culture strikes at the very roots of our processes of maturation, our growth in hope and love. How can we experience "what truly lasts" in this culture of the ephemeral? This is a tough question: how can we experience, in this culture of the ephemeral, what is truly lasting? Here is what I would say to you. Of all the kinds of human fruitfulness, marriage is unique. It is about a love that gives rise to new life. It involves mutual responsibility for the transmission of God's gift of life, and it provides a stable environment in which that new life can grow and flourish. Marriage in the Church, that is, the sacrament of matrimony, shares in a special way in the mystery of God's eternal love. When a Christian man and woman enter the bond of marriage, God's grace enables them freely to promise one another an exclusive and enduring love. Their union thus becomes a sacramental sign – this is important – the sacrament of marriage becomes a sacramental sign of the new and eternal covenant between the Lord and his bride, the Church. Jesus is ever present in their midst. He sustains them throughout life in their mutual gift of self, in fidelity and in indissoluble unity (cf. *Gaudium et Spes*, 48). Jesus' love is, for couples, a rock and refuge in times of trial, but more importantly, a source of constant growth in pure and enduring love. Gamble big, for your entire life! Take a risk! Because marriage is also a risk, but it is a risk worth taking. For your whole life, because that is how love is. (*more to follow*).

OCTOBER Everyone is invited to bring their rosary beads to Mass on the first weekend in October for a blessing as we will begin the Month dedicated to the Holy Rosary and also to the Mission of the Church. Let us therefore renew the mission entrusted to each one to share our faith and to pray as a family. In offering the few minutes for the daily rosary we simply, yet powerfully, use the blessed beads to mediate upon the mysteries of life and seek the intercession of Our Heavenly Mother. At the Grotto in Lourdes when Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette 160 years ago Our Lady asked the young girl to take out her rosary beads and "pray with me".

COMMUNITY NOTES

Killucan Area Community Alert are holding an information evening in the Workman's Community Centre for 8pm, Thursday, 27th September, tea/coffee on the night, all welcome to come along to hear more about this very important resource.