



**NEWSLETTER** *SECOND SUNDAY YEAR C*  
A PARISH OF THE MULLINGAR DEANERY

20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019

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**MASS INTENTIONS:**

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

**Saturday 6pm** Chrissie Goonery MM; Marcella Kelly

**Sunday 11.30am** Missa pro populo

**Wednesday 9am**

**Friday 9m**

**Saturday 6pm** Declan & Tom Brillely

**Sunday 11:30am** Angela Cooney 1<sup>st</sup> Ann.

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

**Sunday 10am** Michael Lynam

**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 € 390.00 ST. BRIGID'S €445.00**  
**PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes): €659.90**



**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:* Sally Coyne. **ST. JOSEPH'S Ministers of Holy Communion:** 6pm. Anne Maher & Mary Leech. 11:30am Rose Mullen, Erica Hynes & Marie Leavy. *Ministers of the Word:* 6pm Maureen O'Neill. 11:30am Annette Farrell

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019**

*I AM THE SERVANT OF THE LORD. MAY IT BE DONE TO ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD (Lk 1:38)*

Three years ago, in Krakow, Poland, Pope Francis announced that the next WYD/JMJ would take place in Panama 2019. Due to the practical needs with regard weather etc the event is scheduled for this week of January. Already young pilgrims (16-35year olds) from North and South America are gathering with the youth of Central America for the preliminary days which are called Days in the Dioceses. Many others are travelling from around the world to join in this great gathering of youth for the Catholic Church. Because of the costs of such a journey there is only a small number who have left Ireland from Dublin to participate in the week-long event. Pope Francis will arrive on Wednesday to lead the youth of the world in prayer, reflection and celebration of the Faith, Hope and Love we share in Christ Jesus. *The International Eucharistic Congresses, the World Meeting of Families and the World Youth Day* are the major global gatherings of the Church. Please keep the young people and the priests, bishops, cardinals, religious sisters, brothers and lay people who join with them in your prayers that they may have an enjoyable and safe gathering. You can follow the World Youth Day liturgies and festivities on the EWTN channel, via the Vatican website [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va) and [www.panama2019.pa](http://www.panama2019.pa)



**THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18<sup>TH</sup>-25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019**

*Justice and only justice you shall pursue* (Deuteronomy 16:18-20) is the theme for this annual ecumenical week. The Christian churches in Indonesia have prepared the texts and reflections for this year's commemorations. In Rome for the service which took place in St. Paul's Basilica on the evening of Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January Pope Francis said the following:

*The Christians of Indonesia, reflecting on the theme chosen for this Week of Prayer, decided to draw inspiration from these words of Deuteronomy: "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue" (16:20). They are deeply concerned that the economic growth of their country, driven by the mentality of competition, is leaving many in poverty and allowing a small few to become immensely wealthy. This jeopardizes the harmony of a society in which people of different ethnic groups, languages and religions live together and share a sense of responsibility for one another. It that is not simply the case in Indonesia; it is a situation we see worldwide. When society is no longer based on the principle of solidarity and the common good, we witness the scandal of people living in utter destitution amid skyscrapers, grand hotels and luxurious shopping centres, symbols of incredible wealth. We have forgotten the wisdom of the Mosaic law: if wealth is not shared, society is divided. Saint Paul, writing to the Romans, applies the same thinking to the Christian community: those who are strong must bear with the weak. It is not Christian "to please ourselves" (15:1). Following Christ's example, we are to make every effort to build up those who are weak. Solidarity and shared responsibility must be the laws that govern the Christian family. As God's holy people, we too constantly find ourselves on the threshold of entering the Lord's promised kingdom. Yet, since we are also divided, we need to recall God's summons to justice. Christians too risk adopting the mentality known to the ancient Israelites and contemporary Indonesians, namely that in the pursuit of wealth, we forget about the weak and those in need. It is easy to forget the fundamental equality existing among us: that once we were all slaves to sin, that the Lord saved us in baptism and called us his children. It is easy to think that the spiritual grace granted us is our property, something to which we are due, our property. The gifts we have received from God can also blind us to the gifts given to other Christians. It is a grave sin to belittle or despise the gifts that the Lord has given our brothers and sisters, and to think that God somehow holds them in less esteem. When we entertain such thoughts, we allow the very grace we have received to become a source of pride, injustice and division. And how can we then enter the promised kingdom?*

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**COMMUNITY NOTES**

**St. Patrick's NS, Edmonton** Applications are invited for the position of part time caretaker. Please send letter of application, and CV, to The Chairperson, St. Patrick's N.S., Edmonton, Killucan, Co. Westmeath.

**PRAYER FOR THE WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019**

Merciful Father,  
You call us to live our lives as a way of salvation.  
Help us to recall the past with gratitude,  
to embrace the present with courage, and to build the future with hope.  
Lord Jesus, our friend and brother, thank you for looking upon us with love.  
Let us listen to your voice as it resonates in the hearts  
of each one with the light and strength of the Holy Spirit.  
Grant us the grace to be a Church that goes forth with vibrant faith  
and a youthful face to announce the joy of the Gospel.  
May we help to build the society we long for, full of justice and fraternal love.  
We pray for the Pope and the bishops, for priests and deacons,  
for those in consecrated life, for volunteers, for young people,  
and all who will participate in the upcoming World Youth Day in Panama,  
and for those who are preparing to receive them.  
Our Lady of Antigua, Patroness of Panama, help us to pray and live generously like you:  
"I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38). Amen.