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MASS INTENTIONS:

ST. JOSEPH'S, RATHWIRE.

Sunday 11.30am Paddy O'Connor & dec. family; Nora Whyte

Wednesday 9am

Friday 9am

Sunday 11:30am William & Celena Kane; Baby Noah Gilroy-Gorman

ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.

Saturday 6pm Mattie, Brigid & Ethna Greville; Patrick, Rose & Pat Sheils; Mary Franklin

Sunday 10am Missa pro populo

Tuesday 9am

Thursday 9am

Saturday 6pm Anna Marie Murphy; Edward McKeogh; Arthur Swords

Sunday 10am Mary & Peter Mulkearns & dec. family; Theresa & Matt Mullen

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 10th at 7:30pm
Parish Finance Committee Meeting 10th at 9pm

Confessions: Fridays after Mass and Saturdays after the Vigil Mass

MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: ST. JOSEPH'S €230.00 ST. BRIGID'S €475.00
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes): €664.50



THROUGH BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY: Donnacha Liam Toye

INTO YOUR HANDS O LORD, WE COMMEND: Frank Farrell, Raharney; Chrissie Goonery, Ashcroft Park; Finbar Murtagh, Collinstown; Eddie Monks, Dublin



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

ST. BRIGID'S Ministers of Holy Communion: 6pm Douglas Hynes, Margaret Farrelly & Sean Coyne 10am. Molly Doyle, Clifford Naughton & Paul O'Looney. **Ministers of the Word:** 6pm Maureen O'Neill 10am. Liz Naughton.

ST. JOSEPH'S Ministers of Holy Communion: 11:30am. Mary Briody, Maura Mc Aulliffe & Sharon Fitzpatrick
Minister of the Word: 11.30. Patricia Doyle

All kindly check in at the sacristy before Mass

The new rotas will be available next weekend.

COMMUNITY NOTES

St. Vincent de Paul Society Normal monthly sale in SVP shop Mon 3th & Tue 4th Dec. All stock at €1 and €2. Christmas Sale - Shop open Wed 5th- Thurs 6th- Fri 7th From 11am to 3pm, all brand new stock, ideal for Christmas gifts. Annual Church Gate Collection next weekend. Your usual generous support will be appreciated. **Raharney Hurling Club:** The 2018 Annual General Meeting will take place on Sunday 09th December at 5PM in Joristown Clubhouse. All welcome to attend.

KILLUCAN S.V.P.

Tel: 086-0706571
Check out St. Vincent's Shop

CHILD SAFEGUARDING

See the church notice boards and diocesan website.

ACCORD

For Marriage Preparation Courses or for marriage and relationship counselling www.accord.ie

VOCATIONS CORNER

Ever think about becoming a priest for the Diocese of Meath? www.dioceseofmeath.ie/vocations



ADVENT 2018 This weekend after Mass on behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council we hand out a Christmas Gift which we ask you to kindly give as a gift to a family member or a friend whom you know to have given up on going to Church or practicing their religion in recent years. This gesture may invite them to consider rekindling their Faith again.

ADVENT HOLY HOUR WITH RECONCILIATION SERVICE, Sunday 16th December 5pm in St. Joseph's, Rathwire
Let's stop what we are doing for an hour and come, be reconciled with God and one another! Please encourage family and friends to come back to God with all their hearts as we prepare for Christmas 2018

BABY JESUS IN THE CRIB: Special invitation to all the children to bring the figure of the Baby Jesus from their family crib for a blessing at Masses next weekend the 3rd Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday!

"The Nativity Scene is the suggestive place where we contemplate Jesus, who having assumed our wretchedness, invites us to do likewise through our acts of mercy." Pope Francis

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL *Please support as best as you can the national collection this weekend.*

CHRISTMAS CRIBS Last year a family very generously donated funds to purchase new crib figures for St. Joseph's Church in addition to the figures of the Three Wise Men which they had previously donated. If anyone or any family would like to donate in full or even in part for St. Brigid's Raharney it would be greatly appreciated. Also at any time donations towards new vestments would be a help as we still need a couple more vestments for both churches. We have recently purchased new albs for the servers in both churches, which the servers are delighted about!

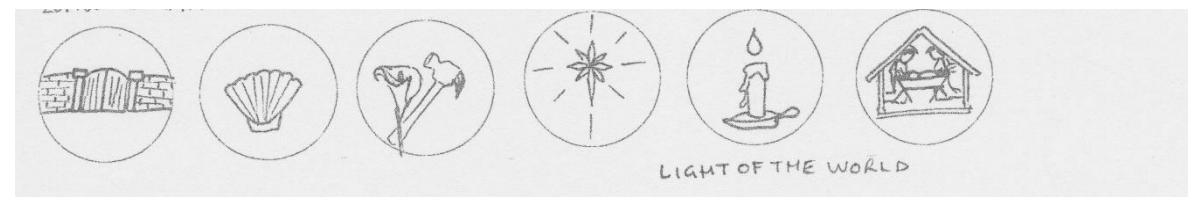
Please help decorate our parish JESSE TREES

To make the Jesse Tree ornaments you will need: glue; ribbon or yarn (preferably purple); and crayons, markers, paints or coloured pencils, and cardboard stock to create paper background for the ornaments. The symbols may be decorated with bits and pieces of bright coloured paper, cloth, wood, etc., that you may find around your home. You will also need a Bible. If there are very small children in the family, a Bible picture story book will help them understand the Bible stories used. We will use the Tree of Memory in the churches and turn it into our Jesse Tree. Before making a symbol first read with your parents or grandparents the Bible verses relating to the symbol. This will help you think of ways to illustrate your Bible verse. Use lots of creativity in making your symbol! You can use pictures from magazines or old cards. Or draw pictures or symbols yourself. Colour them with crayons, pencils, markers or paint. Look around the house for bits and pieces that will make your design more beautiful!

JESSE TREE Bible verses and suggested symbols

On December 17, the Church begins to intensify the preparation for Christmas with the use of the "O" Antiphons during the Liturgy of the Hours.

The symbols for the Jesse Tree from December 17 to 23 are based on the "O" Antiphons. **Jesus is Wisdom:** Sirach or Ecclesiasticus 24:2; Wisdom 8:1 **Symbol: oil lamp.** **Joseph:** Matt. 1:18-25 **Symbol: hammer.** **Mary:** Matt. 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38 **Symbol: lily.** **John the Baptist:** Mark 1:1-8 **Symbol: shell with water.** **Jesus is Lord:** Ex. 3:2; 20:1 **Symbols: burning bush.** **Jesus is Flower of Jesse:** Isaiah 11:1-3 **Symbols: flower.** **Jesus is Key of David:** Isaiah 22:22 **Symbols: key.** **Jesus is the Radiant Dawn:** Psalm 19:6-7 (in older Bibles this will be Psalm 18) **Symbols: sun rising.** **Jesus is King of the Gentiles:** Psalm 2:7-8; Ephesians 2:14-20 **Symbols: crown** **Jesus is Emmanuel:** Isaiah 7:14; 33:22 **Symbols: chalice and host.** **Jesus is Light of the World:** John 1:1-14 **Symbols: candle**



Bring your symbols to Mass next week and Fr. Mark will invite you to hang them on the Jesse Tree.