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MASS INTENTIONS:

ST. JOSEPH'S, RATHWIRE.

Saturday 6pm Mary, Michael, Tom & Martin Smyth. Noel Brilley

Sunday 11.30am Joseph & Mary O'Reilly. Mary O'Gorman.

Friday 9am Deceased Priests of the Parish

Saturday 6pm Patrick & Elizabeth Browne. Eileen & John O'Connor & dec. Family.

Sunday 11:30am Noel Clyne. John, Margaret & May Gaynor. Bridget Maher.

ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.

Sunday 10am Doreen Murtagh (MM). Anna Jennette

Thursday 7pm Parish List of the Dead

Sunday 10am Missa pro populo.

*Mass this Tuesday and Wednesday with the Camillians
Confessions: Fridays after Mass and Saturdays after the Vigil Mass*



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: ST. JOSEPH'S €245.00 ST. BRIGID'S €340.00
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes): €582.65



INTO YOUR HANDS O LORD, WE COMMEND: Annabel Loughlin, Delvin

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: 10am. Declan Weir, Noel & Marie Greville. *Minister of the Word:* 10am. Roisin Mockler. **ST. JOSEPH'S Ministers of Holy Communion:** 6pm. Jennifer Flood & Mary Gilsean. 11:30am. Rose Jimmy Garty, Barbara Gough & Johanna Farrell. *Ministers of the Word:* 6pm. Anne Rooney. 11.30. Annette Farrell.

Farewell

By Anne Bronte

*Farewell to Thee! But not farewell
To all my fondest thoughts of Thee;
Within my heart they still shall dwell
And they shall cheer and comfort me.
Life seems more sweet that Thou didst live
And men more true Thou wert one;
Nothing is lost that Thou didst give,
Nothing destroyed that Thou hast done.*

VOCATIONS CORNER:

The celebration of the Eucharist brings us into that sacred Communion between the living and the faithful departed who have gone before us to Heaven. At the Altar the priest leads us in the celebration at the Risen Lord's command "Do this in memory of me". Ever think about becoming a priest for the Diocese of Meath? A national 'Come & See' retreat exploring priesthood 23/24 November, Mount St. Anne's, Killenard, Co. Offaly www.vocations.ie
www.dioceseofmeath.ie/vocations.



NOVEMBER A TIME TO REMEMBER During November we commemorate the Faithful Departed. We compile our own individual list of our beloved dead and add them to the *Parish List of the Dead 2018*. You can pick up a List of the Dead and an envelope at the Altar or mark any envelope 'Parish List of the Dead'. Please return your List and Offering at any Mass. Throughout November at every Mass and on the First Friday's of every month we remember and pray for the repose of the souls of all the Faithful Departed.

TREE OF MEMORY In both our churches we have placed a *Tree of Memory* on which we placed the names of our parishioners who lived here in the parish and who died in the past twelve months. Everyone is invited to write the names of their loved ones who died elsewhere this past year and also place them on the branches. Tags are available at the foot of the Tree. Also, if you wish simply to remember those who are part of your Family Tree and are now gone before us into God's eternal merciful embrace, then please write their names and add them to our *Tree of Memory*. Children if they so wish can bring to Mass leaves to place at the foot of the Tree of Memory, recalling the colourful lives of those whom we love and miss so much.



THANKS! A special word of thanks to the Legion of Mary for their wonderful assistance with the Masses last Thursday and Friday evening for the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls. And well done to the children who did mighty in dressing up as a favourite saint!

An extract from the homily of Pope Francis at the Mass of Remembrance Feast of All Souls for the Cardinals and Bishops of the Church who died this past year.

In the parable of bridesmaids awaiting the arrival of the bridegroom in Matthew's Gospel, we heard that the bridesmaids, all ten of them, "went forth to meet the bridegroom" (Mt 25:1). For all of us, life is a constant call to go forth: from our mother's womb, from the house where we are born, from infancy to youth, from youth to adulthood, all the way to our going forth from this world. For ministers of the Gospel too, life is in constant movement, as we go forth from our family home to wherever the Church sends us, from one variety of service to another. We are always on the move, until we make our final journey. The Gospel shows us the meaning of this constant wayfaring that is life: it is a going forth to meet the Bridegroom. This is what life is meant to be lived for: the call that resounds in the night, according to the Gospel, and which we will hear at the hour of our death: "Here is the Bridegroom! Come out to meet him!" (v. 6). The encounter with Jesus, the Bridegroom who "loved the Church and gave himself up for her" (Eph 5:25), gives meaning and direction to our lives. That and nothing more. It is the finale that illuminates everything that preceded it. Just as the seeding is judged by the harvest, so the journey of life is shaped by its ultimate goal. [] The Gospel tells of one essential thing for the bridesmaids awaiting the wedding banquet. It is not their gowns, or their lamps, but rather the oil kept in small jars. Here we see a first feature of oil: it is not impressive. It remains hidden; it does not appear, yet without it there is no light. What does this suggest to us? That in the Lord's eyes what matters is not appearances but the heart (cf. 1 Sam 16:7). Everything that the world runs after and then parades – honours, power, appearances, glory – passes away and leaves nothing behind. Detachment from worldly appearances is essential to our preparation for heaven. We need to say no to the "cosmetic culture" that tells us to worry about how we look. Instead of our outward appearance that passes away, we should purify and keep custody of our heart, our inner self, which is precious in the eyes of God. Along with this first feature – not to be flashy but essential – there is another aspect of oil: it exists in order to be consumed. Only when it is burned does it spread light. Our lives are like that: they radiate light only if they are consumed, if they spend themselves in service. The secret to live is to live to serve. Service is the ticket to be presented at the door of the eternal wedding banquet. Whatever will remain of life, at the doorstep of eternity, is not what we gained but what we gave away (cf. Mt 6:19-21; 1 Cor 13:8). The meaning of life is found in our response to God's offer of love. And that response is made up of true love, self-giving and service. Serving others involved a cost, since it involves spending ourselves, letting ourselves be consumed. In our ministry, those who do not live to serve do not de-serve to live. Those who hold on too tightly to their lives will lose them.