



NEWSLETTER *FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING*
A PARISH OF THE MULLINGAR DEANERY

24TH NOVEMBER 2019

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FIRST FRIDAY COMMUNION
CALLS: a week early!
This Friday Fr. Mark will call to parishioners who are sick and housebound.

MASS INTENTIONS:

ST. JOSEPH'S, RATHWIRE.

Saturday 6pm John & Delia Dowd

Sunday 11:30am Noreen Whyte; Edward & Martha King

Wednesday 9am Parish List of the Dead

Friday 9am Parish List of the Dead

Saturday 6pm William, Seamus & Peg Leech; Joseph McDonagh

Sunday 11:30am Christy Doyle; John, Margaret & May Gaynor; Michael & Kathleen Farrell

ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.

Sunday 10am Parish List of the Dead

Tuesday 9am Parish List of the Dead

Thursday 9am Parish List of the Dead

Sunday 10am Tom Bray; Nora Naughton

Confessions: Fridays after Mass and Saturdays after the Vigil Mass



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: ST. JOSEPH'S €475.00 ST. BRIGID'S €180.00
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes): €483.50



THROUGH BAPTISM WE WELCOME
INTO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY:
Conor James Heffernan



Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament
In St. Joseph's Tuesday 1pm-9pm.
& St. Brigid's Wed. 6pm-10pm:
Special Diocesan intention of prayer
for vocations and the family.

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. Caroline Holdwright.

ST. JOSEPH'S Ministers of Holy Communion: 6pm. Jennifer Flood & Mary Gilsenan. 11:30am. Jimmy Garty, Barbara Gough & Johanna Farrell. Ministers of the Word: 6pm. Anne Rooney. 11:30am Amanda O'Neill.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE From 1-9th June 2020 follow in the Footsteps of Jesus and experience the sacred sites of the Gospel. The pilgrimage will begin in Tiberius/Galilee and the surrounding region where Jesus called His disciples and first proclaimed the Good News. Pilgrims will then continue to Jerusalem and take excursions to the wider district, including Bethlehem. Fr. Mark English will be Spiritual Director for this pilgrimage which is provided by Navan Travel. For more details on full itinerary, costs and booking contact 0469068600; email: info@travalue.ie or check out www.travalue.ie.



A WORD FROM BISHOP TOM: To mark this Solemnity of Christ the King, the Titular Feast of our Cathedral, Evening Prayer and Benediction will be celebrated in the Cathedral, Mullingar this evening at 5pm. You are most welcome to join us for this liturgy.

CATHEDRAL SHOP MULLINGAR Children's Advent calendars 2019 and lots more is available. You can also buy candles to make your own family advent wreath to have in your home. Bring these candles to Mass next week and have them blessed as Fr. Mark blesses and lights the Parish Advent Wreaths.

BEST WISHES AND VERY BLESSING TO THE RAHARNEY CAMOGIE TEAM IN THE ALL IRELAND FINAL!

LONGWOOD PARISH Today parishioners in our neighbouring parish of Longwood celebrate the re-dedication of their Parish Church in Longwood. We congratulate them and extend our prayers and blessings to their faith community as Bishop Tom celebrates the special Mass of Re-dedication at 12noon this afternoon (Sunday). Whenever you are passing do visit and light a candle.

ADVENT BEGINS NEXT WEEK IN PREPARATION WE INVITE OUR CHILDREN IN THE PARISH TO LEARN MORE ABOUT - THE STORY OF THE JESSE TREE

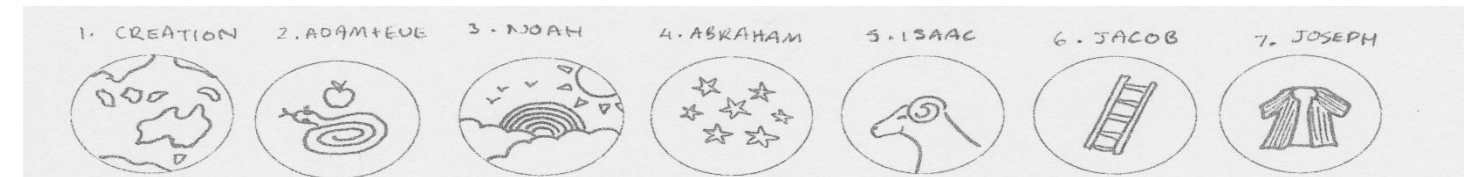
Jesse was the father of the great King David of the Old Testament. He is often looked upon as the first person in the genealogy of Jesus. In Church art a design developed showing the relationship of Jesus with Jesse and other biblical personages. This design showed a branched tree growing from a reclining figure of Jesse. The various branches had pictures of other Old and New Testament figures who were ancestors of Jesus. At the top of the tree were figures of Mary and Jesus. This design was used mostly in stained glass windows in some of the great medieval cathedrals of Europe. The Cathedral of Chartres, France (which was dedicated in 1260) has a particularly beautiful Jesse Tree window. Another development in religious art during the Middle Ages was that of Mystery Plays—drama that depicted various Bible stories or lives of Saints and Martyrs. These plays were performed in churches as part of the liturgical celebrations. One such play was based on the Bible account of the fall of Adam and Eve. The "Tree of Life" used during the play was decorated with apples. Combining the two ideas of the stained glass Jesse Tree window and the Tree of Life from the Mystery Play we come up with our Jesse Tree Advent project. This custom has been used for years to help Christians to prepare for Christmas. It's the Family Tree of our Faith!

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

Advent Week 1 Creation: Gen. 1:1-31; 2:1-4 **Symbols:** sun, moon, stars, earth **Adam and Eve:** Gen. 2:7-9, 18-24 Gen. 3:1-7 and 23-24 **Symbols:** tree, serpent, apple **Noah:** Gen. 6:5-8, 13-22; 7:17, 23, 24; 8:1, 6-22 **Symbols:** ark, animals, dove, rainbow **Abraham:** Gen. 12:1-3 **Symbols:** torch, sword, mountain **Isaac:** Gen. 22:1-14 **Symbols:** bundle of wood, altar, ram. **Jacob:** Gen. 25:1-34; 28:10-15 **Symbols:** kettle, ladder **Joseph:** Gen. 37:23-28; 45:3-15 **Symbols:** bucket, well, silver coins, coat of many colours



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

COMMUNITY NOTES

Healing Mass at the Camillians this Thursday 28th November at 8pm. **Christmas Market** hosted by St. Patrick's N.S., Edmonton will take place in Killucan GAA Hall on next Sunday 1st Dec from 12 to 4pm. It will showcase a large selection of handmade crafts, decorations, baking & gift ideas. They would appreciate any support you can give so please save the date and call in for our annual Christmas Market. **Christmas Bingo** for the Parish Apostolic Works Society on Friday 6th December at 8pm. **SVP Annual Collection** weekend of 7/8th December, your support will be much appreciated.

<p>KILLUCAN S.V.P. Tel: 086-0706571 Check out St. Vincent's Shop</p>	<p>CHILD SAFEGUARDING See the church notice boards and diocesan website.</p>	<p>ACCORD For Marriage Preparation Courses or for marriage and relationship counselling www.accord.ie</p>	<p>VOCATIONS CORNER Ever think about becoming a priest for the Diocese of Meath? www.dioceseofmeath.ie/vocations</p>
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