



**NEWSLETTER** *THIRD SUNDAY EASTER YEAR C*  
A PARISH OF THE MULLINGAR DEANERY

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5<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019

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**MASS INTENTIONS:**

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

**Saturday 6pm** Paddy Cooney MM; John & Delia Dowd; Jimmy & Nancy Staunton

**Sunday 11:30am** Edward & Mary Gaffney

**Wednesday 9am**

**Friday 9am**

**Saturday 6pm** Missa pro populo

**Sunday 11:30am** Adrian Ennis MM; Eddie Deihy; Oliver Ayers Jr.

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

**Sunday 10am** Mattie & Peggy O'Keeffe; Jimmy & Nancy Flynn; John Mulvaney

**Tuesday 9am**

**Thursday 9am**

**Sunday 10am** Missa pro populo

*Confessions: Fridays after Mass and Saturdays after the Vigil Mass*

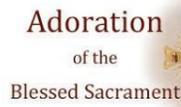


**MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: ST. JOSEPH'S € 595.00 ST. BRIGID'S €225.00**  
**PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes): €461.50**



**RIP**

Philomena O'Mahoney, Dublin/Raharney;  
Thomas Kochappan, India



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**

**ST. BRIGID'S Ministers of Holy Communion:** 10am. Molly Doyle, Clifford Naughton & Paul O'Looney. *Minister of the Word:*

10am. Cristór O'Brien

**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. Paul Dunne 11:30am Marguerite McGauran

**COMMUNITY NOTES**

*All kindly check in at the sacristy before Mass*

**Camillian Pilgrimage 2019** Following in the footsteps of the great saints, St. Pio & St. Camillus; visiting San Giovanni, Alba Adriatica & Rome. Departing 26<sup>th</sup> September for seven nights. Spiritual Director will be Fr. Frank Monks MI. For full itinerary contact Mary Briody on 087-6336513 **Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 9-14 September 2019.** Bookings can be made with Pilgrimage Abroad Ltd, Lower Baggot St, Dublin 2. Tel 01-6359300. email: info@pilgrimagesabroad.ie Church gate collection for the Lourdes Fund 8/9<sup>th</sup> June. **Hearing and Hoping** – An Easter Fundraising Concert in aid of the St. Camillus' Client Comfort Fund & North Westmeath Hospice Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in the Camillians. Tickets €20 for more info contact 0449374196 or riverstown@eircom.net.

**Mary, the young woman of Nazareth**

In the heart of the Church, Mary shines forth. She is the supreme model for a youthful Church that seeks to follow Christ with enthusiasm and docility. While still very young, she accepted the message of the angel, yet she was not afraid to ask questions (cf. Lk 1:34). With open heart and soul, she replied, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord" (Lk 1:38).

"We are always struck by the strength of the young Mary's 'yes', the strength in those words, 'be it done', that she spoke to the angel. This was no merely passive or resigned acceptance, or a faint 'yes', as if to say, 'Well, let's give it a try and see what happens'. Mary did not know the words, 'Let's see what happens'. She was determined; she knew what was at stake and she said 'yes' without thinking twice. Hers was the 'yes' of someone prepared to be committed, someone willing to take a risk, ready to stake everything she had, with no more security than the certainty of knowing that she was the bearer of a promise. So I ask each one of you: do you see yourselves as the bearers of a promise? What promise is present in my heart that I can take up? Mary's mission would undoubtedly be difficult, but the challenges that lay ahead were no reason to say 'no'. Things would get complicated, of course, but not in the same way as happens when cowardice paralyzes us because things are not clear or sure in advance. Mary did not take out an insurance policy! She took the risk, and for this reason she is strong, she is an 'influencer', the 'influencer' of God. Her 'yes and her desire to serve were stronger than any doubts or difficulties'".

Without yielding to evasions or illusions, "she accompanied the suffering of her Son; she supported him by her gaze and protected him with her heart. She shared his suffering, yet was not overwhelmed by it. She was the woman of strength who uttered her 'yes', who supports and accompanies, protects and embraces. She is the great guardian of hope... From her, we learn how to say 'yes' to the stubborn endurance and creativity of those who, undaunted, are ever ready to start over again". Mary was a young woman whose heart overflowed with joy (cf. Lk 1:47), whose eyes, reflecting the light of the Holy Spirit, looked at life with faith and treasured all things in her youthful heart (cf. Lk 2:19.51). She was energetic, ready to set out immediately once she knew that her cousin needed her. She did not think about her own plans, but went "with haste" to the hill country (Lk 1:39).

When her young son needed protection, Mary set out with Joseph to a distant land (cf. Mt 2:13-14). She also joined the disciples in awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit (cf. Acts 1:14). In her presence, a young Church was born, as the apostles went forth to give birth to a new world (cf. Acts 2:4-11).

Today, Mary is the Mother who watches over us, her children, on our journey through life, often weary and in need, anxious that the light of hope not fail. For that is our desire: that the light of hope never fail. Mary our Mother looks to this pilgrim people: a youthful people whom she loves, and who seek her in the silence of their hearts amid all the noise, the chatter and the distractions of the journey. Under the gaze of our Mother, there is room only for the silence of hope. Thus Mary illumines anew our youth.

**CHRISTUS VIVIT – CHRIST IS ALIVE!**

Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis to Young People and to the entire People of God

**Next weekend is Vocations Sunday and the offering collection is for the education of our seminarians, vocations promotion and support in the diocese.**

**ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING** On the First Saturday of the Month deceased loved ones whose anniversaries are occurring will be remembered at the 10 a.m. Mass. This is a means to facilitate the remembrance of loved ones by name, which isn't always possible at the particular weekend of their anniversary due to the Sunday Mass intentions already booked up. Family members will be invited to light a candle of memory to be presented during the Mass. Please contact the Parish Office at least a week beforehand so as names and candles can be prepared.

**CEMETERY SUNDAY WILL BE CELEBRATED ON 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2019**



**THE REGINA COELI**

Ÿ. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia:  
R. For he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia.  
Ÿ. Has risen as he said, alleluia.  
R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.  
Ÿ. Let us pray:

O God, who through the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ gave rejoicing to the world, grant we pray, that through his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

*The Regina Coeli is recited in place of the Angelus during the Easter season, from Easter Sunday until Pentecost.*

**QUEEN OF THE MAY** Let us keep the treasured tradition of honouring our Lady, the Mother of God during the month of May with special devotion. Perhaps get the children in your home to help set up a May altar. Make time for the family rosary, especially with children celebrating their First Holy Communion and those who recently made their Confirmation

*The Legion of Mary meet every Tuesday at 7pm in St. Joseph's Sacristy, new members are welcome to come along and join.*

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