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MASS INTENTIONS:

ST. JOSEPH'S, RATHWIRE.

Saturday 6pm Missa pro populo

Sunday 11:30am Jim Loran, MM; Angela Cooney

Wednesday 9am

Sunday 11:30am *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord* Pauline Cunningham MM; Willie Lynch MM

ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.

Sunday 10am Rose & Seamus Holdwright

Tuesday 9am

Thursday 9am

Friday 10am *Eve Feast of St. Brigid* Anniversary's Occurring

Saturday 6pm *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord* Joe McKeogh

Sunday 10am *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord* Margaret Lynam MM



To mark the Feast of St. Brigid, Mass will be celebrated with the Raharney school community on Friday at 10am in St. Brigid's Church, Raharney, during which St. Brigid's Crosses will be blessed. It would be great if parishioners, especially the young, who have some free time could make a few extra crosses to bring to this Mass for distribution. It is an Irish tradition for such crosses to be placed in farm sheds to protect the animals from any harm and to seek God's blessing upon all involved in farming as we in Ireland mark the beginning of Springtime!

Confessions: Fridays after Mass and Saturdays after the Vigil Mass

MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: ST. JOSEPH'S € 600.00 ST. BRIGID'S €255.00
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes): €1437.00



RIP Monica Borthwick, Ballyhaw

BEST WISHES FOR THE NIGHT AT THE



OSCARS!

TO ASSIST NEXT WEEK

ST. BRIGID'S *Ministers of Holy Communion* 6pm. Michael Carey, Phil Tiff & Mary Leech. 10am Peter Fagan, Edward Fox & Martina Mockler. *Ministers of the Word:* 6pm. Lily Connaughton. 10am Sally Coyne.

ST. JOSEPH'S *Ministers of Holy Communion* 11:30am Jimmy Garty, Barbara Gough & Johanna Farrell.

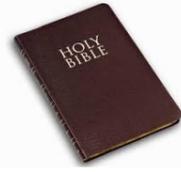
Minister of the Word: 11:30am Patricia Doyle.



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD/CANDLEMAS DAY 2ND FEBRUARY Blessing of candles for use during Masses in our churches and at the Vigil or Wakes during the year and other occasions of family prayer in the home. Please bring any candles you want blessed to Mass next weekend. After this Feast Day the cribs are taken down. It is also *World Day for Consecrated Life* when we acknowledge and pray for the religious sisters, religious brothers, lay men and women who have taken consecrated vows in the Church, remembering especially those from our parish.

BLESSING OF HANDS To mark the World Day of the Sick we invite all carers, nurses, doctors and others who assist those in our community who are sick to attend the 11:30am Mass on Sunday 9th February during which we will have a ceremony for the blessing of hands.



26TH JANUARY 2020

The Community of St. Camillus
Tel: 044-9374115

WEEKDAY MASS

How about putting daily Mass into your week! If you are a parent dropping your children to school, perhaps bringing your family to Mass before school might become part of your daily routine. If you are retired or on your day-off work, then maybe you could factor morning Mass into your day!



FIRST SUNDAY OF THE WORLD OF GOD

Last year on the 30th September, the Feast of St. Jerome, (who translated the Bible into Latin), Pope Francis issued this instruction for all the Faithful:

APOSTOLIC LETTER ISSUED "MOTU PROPRIO" BY THE SUPREME PONTIFF FRANCIS
"APERUIT ILLIS" INSTITUTING THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

"The Bible, as sacred Scripture, thus speaks of Christ and proclaims him as the one who had to endure suffering and then enter into his glory. Not simply a part, but the whole of Scripture speaks of Christ. Apart from the Scriptures, his death and resurrection cannot be rightly understood. That is why one of the most ancient confessions of faith stressed that "Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas" (1Cor15:3-5). Since the Scriptures everywhere speak of Christ, they enable us to believe that his death and resurrection are not myth but history and are central to the faith of his disciples. A profound bond links sacred Scripture and the faith of believers. Since faith comes from hearing, and what is heard is based on the word of Christ (cf. Rom 10:17), believers are bound to listen attentively to the word of the Lord, both in the celebration of the liturgy and in their personal prayer and reflection. The journey that the Risen Lord makes with the disciples of Emmaus ended with a meal. The mysterious wayfarer accepts their insistent request: "Stay with us, for it is almost evening and the day is now far spent" (Lk 24:29). They sit down at table, and Jesus takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it and offers it to them. At that moment, their eyes are opened, and they recognize him. This scene clearly demonstrates the unbreakable bond between sacred Scripture and the Eucharist. As the Second Vatican Council teaches, "the Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures as she has venerated the Lord's body, in that she never ceases, above all in the sacred liturgy, to partake of the bread of life and to offer it to the faithful from the one table of the word of God and the body of Christ". Regular reading of sacred Scripture and the celebration of the Eucharist make it possible for us to see ourselves as part of one another. As Christians, we are a single people, making our pilgrim way through history, sustained by the Lord, present in our midst, who speaks to us and nourishes us. A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers. For this reason, we need to develop a closer relationship with sacred Scripture; otherwise, our hearts will remain cold and our eyes shut, struck as we are by so many forms of blindness. Sacred Scripture and the sacraments are thus inseparable. When the sacraments are introduced and illumined by God's word, they become ever more clearly the goal of a process whereby Christ opens our minds and hearts to acknowledge his saving work. We should always keep in mind the teaching found in the Book of Revelation: the Lord is standing at the door and knocking. If anyone should hear his voice and open for him, he will come in and eat with them. Christ Jesus is knocking at our door in the words of sacred Scripture. If we hear his voice and open the doors of our minds and hearts, then he will enter our lives and remain ever with us". *Full text www.vatican.va*

Celebrating this Sunday of the Word of God, we welcome in particular the children preparing for their Confirmation and First Holy Communion who have brought their family bible to Mass for a special blessing.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2020 *Theme: Catholic Schools: Living in Harmony with God's Creation.* www.catholic-schools.ie During the week our parish schools will be engaged in a programme of events celebrating our Catholic Faith identity. *Grandparents' Day*, has become a highlight of the week! The members of the Boards of Management are invited to a gathering at the Parochial House on Tuesday evening to acknowledge their valued contribution on behalf of the parish.

ENROLMENT FOR ST. JOSEPH'S NS, ST. PATRICKS NS & ST. MARY'S NS TAKES PLACE NOW!

Beginning tomorrow 27th January for 2 weeks ending on the 7th February, parents/guardians who wish to enrol their child in Junior Infants may do so by collecting an *Enrolment Form* for the school they want their child to attend. Forms are available from the local creches and schools.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2020 From 1-9th June 2020 follow in the Footsteps of Jesus and experience the sacred sites of the Gospel. Fr. Mark will be Spiritual Director for this pilgrimage which is provided by Navan Travel. For more details on full itinerary, costs and booking contact 046-9068600; email: info@travalue.ie or check out www.travalue.ie.

PARISH ENVELOPE BOXES 2020

The new Parish Envelope Boxes will be distributed later this week. Distributors can collect them from 5-7pm Wednesday 29th January at the Old Parochial House. The Parish Finance Committee is most grateful for the kind assistance the volunteer distributors provide. A huge thanks to everyone for your constant support to both the Weekly Development Fund and the Mass Offertory Collection. Every parishioner/family as participants of our local Church faith community must play their role in the necessary bills and other matters concerning the upkeep of the churches, the support of Fr. Mark and the general running of the parish. We hope everyone can appreciate all that is being done to assist in having a vibrant faith community. It is important that if you and your family are not already registered for a parish envelope box that you would kindly do so or make arrangements to set up a direct debit or annual financial contribution. Please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Mark to discuss this further.

LEGION OF MARY Interested in joining us! We meet every Tuesday at 7pm in the sacristy of St. Joseph's Church, Rathwire. We are a prayer group who also engage with pastoral outreach as we continue the mission of the Legion of Mary, a catholic movement founded by lay people here in Ireland which has spread around the world. Come and see if you'd like to be a part of this service to God's people under the patronage of Our Lady.
Healing Mass at the Camillians this Thursday 30th November at 8pm