



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

27TH JANUARY 2019

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MASS INTENTIONS:

ST. JOSEPH'S, RATHWIRE.

Saturday 6pm Declan & Tom Brillely

Sunday 11.30am Angela Cooney 1st Ann; Una Kiernan Missa pro populo

Wednesday 9am

Saturday 10am *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord* Anniversaries Occurring

Sunday 11:30am Missa pro populo

ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.

Sunday 10am Missa pro populo

Tuesday 9am.

Thursday 9am

First Friday 10am *Feast of St. Brigid* Parish List of the Dead

Saturday 6pm Seamus & Rose Holdwright; Joe McKeogh

Sunday 10am Missa pro populo

Confessions: Fridays after Mass and Saturdays after the Vigil Mass

**FIRST FRIDAY
COMMUNION CALLS:**
This Friday, St. Brigid's Day, Fr. Mark will call to parishioners who are sick and housebound.



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: ST. JOSEPH'S € 520.00 ST. BRIGID'S €275.00
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes): €1077.15

PARISH ENVELOPE BOXES 2019

The new Parish Envelope Boxes will be distributed later this week.

Distributors can collect the Boxes from 4-7pm Wednesday 30th January at the Old Parochial House.

The Parish Finance Committee is most grateful for the kind assistance the volunteer distributors provide. If anyone has some spare time and can help out as a distributor, please let Fr. Mark know in the coming days. A huge thanks to everyone for your constant support to both the 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 been 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.



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

All kindly check in at the sacristy before Mass

ST. BRIGID'S Ministers of Holy Communion: 6pm. Michael Carey, Phil Tiffit & Mary Leech. 10am Peter Fagan, Edward Fox & Martina Mockler. Minister of the Words: 6pm. Maureen O' Neill. 10am. Caroline O'Brien.

ST. JOSEPH'S Ministers of Holy Communion: 11:30am Maura McAulliffe, Mary Briody & Sharon Fitzpatrick. Minister of the Word: 11:30am Amanda O'Neill.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Cairde Would you like some gentle light exercise to reenergise you for the year ahead? *Pickleball* with coaching on Mondays in Rathwire Hall at 11 am. *Pilates* on Thursdays in Rathwire Hall at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome! **Healing Mass** this Thursday at 8pm in the Camillians.

I AM THE SERVANT OF THE LORD. MAY IT BE DONE TO ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD Lk 1:38.

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019

Merciful Father,
You call us to live our lives as a way of salvation.
Help us to recall the past with gratitude,
to embrace the present with courage, and to build the future with hope.
Lord Jesus, our friend and brother, thank you for looking upon us with love.
Let us listen to your voice as it resonates in the hearts
of each one with the light and strength of the Holy Spirit.
Grant us the grace to be a Church that goes forth with vibrant faith
and a youthful face to announce the joy of the Gospel.
May we help to build the society we long for, full of justice and fraternal love.
We pray for the Pope and the bishops, for priests and deacons,
for those in consecrated life, for volunteers, for young people,
and all who will participate in the upcoming World Youth Day in Panama,
and for those who are preparing to receive them.
Our Lady of Antigua, Patroness of Panama, help us to pray and live generously like you:
"I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38). Amen.



You can follow the World Youth Day Vigil tonight (Saturday) which will be like the Croke Park Festival of Families and the World Youth Day Mass (Sunday afternoon) on the EWTN channel, or via the Vatican website www.vatican.va and www.panama2019.pa

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2019

Theme: Catholic Schools: Celebrating the Work of Our Local Catholic Schools. 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 28th January for 2 weeks ending on the 8th 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.



FEAST OF ST. BRIGID, 1ST FEBRUARY To mark the Feast of St. Brigid, Friday 1st February, Mass will be celebrated 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!

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 this 10am Mass in St. Joseph's Rathwire. 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 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 10th February during which we will have a ceremony for the blessing of hands.

JUBILEE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES We invite all couples in the parish who this year 2019, are celebrating their Silver, Ruby, Golden or Diamond Wedding Anniversary to attend the 6pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 9th February in Raharney as we honour this special milestone of sacramental married life. Please contact the Parish Office or the Sacristies after Mass during the next two weeks to let us know your names and the anniversary you are celebrating.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2019 "Justice and only justice you shall pursue". The annual ecumenical prayer service for Christian Unity will take place this evening Sunday 27th January at 7pm in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar.

MULLINGAR DEANERY The parishes of the Mullingar area are inviting parishioners to partake in a special forum to reflect upon the whole idea of what it is to be a parish today and what may be the reality in the years ahead. This facilitated gathering will be held this Thursday evening in The Park Hotel, Mullingar. Every parish is to invite five parishioners of various ages. If interested, please contact Fr. Mark.