



NEWSLETTER *FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*
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MASS INTENTIONS:

ST. JOSEPH'S, RATHWIRE.

Sunday 11.30am. Rita O'Rourke. Eileen & Jimmy Whelehan.

Wednesday 9am.

Friday 9am.

Sunday 11.30am. Jimmy, Catherine & James Egan.

ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.

Saturday 6pm. Joe & Kathleen McKeogh.

Sunday 10am. Maura & Thomas Murtagh. Tommy McKeogh. Patrick McKeown & Parents.

Tuesday 9am.

Thursday 9am.

Saturday 6pm. Tommy McDermott. Eileen & Michael Kangley. Patrick & Kathleen Greville.

Sunday 10am. Nancy Flynn.

Confessions: Fridays after Mass and Saturdays after the Vigil Mass



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (basket): ST. JOSEPH'S €304.00 ST. BRIGID'S €435.00
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes): €525.00



THROUGH BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY: Kevin William Elliott, Kayla Eve O'Connor & Edward Robert Harris



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: 6pm. Peter Fagan, Edward Fox & Martina Mockler. 10am. Molly Doyle, Margaret Farrelly & Sean Coyne.

Minister of the Word: 6pm. Catherine Doyle. 10am. Liz Naughton.

ST. JOSEPH'S Ministers of Holy Communion: 11.30am. Mary Briody & Maura McAulliffe. **Ministers of the Word:** 11:30am Amanda O'Neill.

CHOOSE LIFE - ISSUE NO. 12

"It is not easy to be pro-life as a medical student. Some may criticise my stance, others may support me, but I chose a career in medicine to save lives."
Clare Crowley, 27, is a final year medical student at the University of Limerick

What is the Eighth Amendment?

The wording of the Eighth Amendment reads as follows: *"The State acknowledges the right to life of the unborn and, with due regard to the equal right to life of the mother, guarantees in its laws to respect, and, as far as practicable, by its laws to defend and vindicate that right"*. This is a declaration to respect, defend and vindicate the equal right to life of a mother and her unborn child. It enshrines in Irish law a deep conviction that every human life is precious, equal and worth cherishing.

What will happen if the Eighth Amendment is repealed?

If the Eighth Amendment is repealed the right to life for unborn children in Ireland will be without any constitutional protection. This would radically change the law, for all unborn children and indeed for all of us, that the right to life is a fundamental human right.

Choose Life 2018 Is a newsletter designed by the Catholic Communications Office. Its purpose is to encourage discussion in families on the value of every human life. Find us online at www.chooselife2018.ie or contact us at info@catholicbishops.ie



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION We welcome Bishop Michael as he administers the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish this Wednesday 25th April. We congratulate the boys and girls receiving this sacred gift of the Holy Spirit. Pray that they and their families may grow in commitment to Jesus and the mission He has entrusted to each one of us to share the Good News of God's love, mercy and salvation. We thank all those concerned with their preparation especially the teachers in our parish schools.

A Reconciliation Service will be held in St. Joseph's, Rathwire at 7pm tomorrow (Monday 23rd) for the Confirmation children and their families. Going to confession is an important way for us Catholics to prepare for significant celebrations in our lives such as Easter, Christmas or the reception of the Sacraments. If a child has recently been to confessions during Holy Week there is no need to attend tomorrow evening.

VOCATION'S SUNDAY 2018 This weekend is the annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The collection at all Masses is for the education of our seminarians, vocations promotion and support in the diocese. We currently have four seminarians in Maynooth and Rome. Please keep the students and those discerning a vocation to the Diocesan priesthood in your prayers. For more information on becoming a priest in the Diocese of Meath see www.dioceseofmeath.ie/vocations or contact Fr Mark.



Pope Francis in his letter for today, points out that when Jesus returned after his time of prayer and struggle in the desert, he did three things before he began his mission. He listened to the word, he discerned the content of the mission entrusted to him by the Father and proclaimed that He came to accomplish it today. (Lk 4:16 - 21). This model - listen, discern, live - can be followed by all of us as we try to live out our vocation. See www.vatican.va Message for 2018 World Day of Vocations

A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O Jesus send labourers into your fields, which are awaiting Holy Apostles, Sainly Priests, Heroic Missionaries, dedicated Sisters and Brothers. Enkindle in the hearts of men and women the spark of a Vocation. Grant that Christian Families may desire to give to your Church helpers in the work of tomorrow. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ALL WHO ARE DISCERNING

Loving Father, send forth the power of your Holy Spirit upon all in our diocese who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Grant them all the graces and blessings they need, particularly the graces of clarity, simplicity of heart and a personal relationship with Jesus, with a strong trust that will enable them to continue to respond generously to your call. Grant them the gift of your wisdom, that they may know your will, and grant them the courage to follow it with all their hearts. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



THE ICON OF THE HOLY FAMILY As part of our parish on-going preparations for the World Meeting of Families, two Icons of the Holy Family are available from one Sunday to the next, over the months until the visit of Pope Francis in August, for families to take for a week and perhaps invite their extended families or neighbours round to their home for a celebration of the rosary and refreshments. A pack is provided to guide the family if they are wondering what to do! Fr. Mark will gladly attend the house gathering if you would like him to. Please sign in at the church sacristies to book your week to host the Icon of the Holy Family or contact the Parish Office.

REGISTRATION of parishioners and their families who wish to participate in the programme of events for the World Meeting of Families will take place after Masses this weekend of 21st/22nd April. You will have to register even if you wish only to attend the Papal Mass, so as to guarantee tickets (free) and for security and logistical issues etc. If you want to go ahead registration for all WMOF2018 events is open via www.worldmeeting2018.ie. Individual pilgrims and families can now register for the main three-day WMOF2018 Congress from August 22nd - 24th; for the Festival of Families on Saturday 25th August; and for the Closing Mass on Sunday, 26th August. There are currently more than 8,000 people registered with considerable interest from overseas. Don't miss out on these once in a generation events. REGISTER NOW!

Keep up to date with the preparations by logging on to www.worldmeeting2018.ie

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CHILD SAFEGUARDING
See the church notice boards
and diocesan website.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Raharney Camogie Committee are holding a fundraising cake sale next weekend Masses 28th & 29th April (6pm & 10am). The funds will go towards the National U14 Feile camogie competition in which we are Participating & hosting a team from Antrim.

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING
ENTRANCE HYMN
Alleluia, Alleluia Give thanks to the risen Lord Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name
RECESSIONAL HYMN
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.
Refrain:
Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.
Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting. *Refrain*