



NEWSLETTER *FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*
A PARISH OF THE MULLINGAR DEANERY



29TH APRIL 2018

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MASS INTENTIONS:

ST. JOSEPH'S, RATHWIRE.

Sunday 11.30am. Jimmy, Catherine & James Egan.

Wednesday 9am. List of the Dead/Anniversaries Occurring

Saturday 6pm. Mattie, Frances & Dermot Whelehan. John & Delia Dowd.

Sunday 11.30am. Paddy & Julia Fitzgerald.

ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.

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

Sunday 10am. Nancy Flynn.

Tuesday 9am.

Sunday 10am. Lil & Patrick Gorman & dec. Family. Gretta & John O'Connor. John Mulvaney.

No Mass this Thursday & Friday morning

Confessions: Fridays after Mass and Saturdays after the Vigil Mass



PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes): **€901.00**

Thanks for the generous contribution of €810 to the collection for Vocations Sunday last weekend



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: 10am. Molly Doyle, Cliff Naughton & Paul O' Looney.

Minister of the Word: 10am. Vincent Smyth.

ST. JOSEPH'S Ministers of Holy Communion: 6pm Mary Leech, Rose Mullen & Anne Maher 11.30am. Jimmy Garty, Barbara Gough, Johanne Farrell. *Minister of the Word:* 6pm Maureen O'Neill 11:30am Claire Corroon.

CHOOSE LIFE - ISSUE NO. 13

"In my 40 years of practice I've seen many difficult cases but I've never felt the Eighth Amendment had a negative impact on the safe practice of medicine." *Dr John Monaghan is a retired obstetrician and gynaecologist*

What will happen if the Eighth Amendment is repealed?

The Eighth Amendment protects the right to life of pregnant women and unborn babies *equally*. Without it, Ireland's abortion rate will rise dramatically. Statistics from the Department of Health UK reveal over 185,000 abortions were performed in 2016. When abortion was legalised in the UK in 1967, no one could have predicted that in just 50 years 1 in 5 British babies' lives would end in abortion every year. Similar rates are seen in Sweden (1 in 4), France and Spain (1 in 5), Italy and Portugal (1 in 6).

Why do abortions take place?

The UK statistics also show in 2016, 97% of abortions were performed in England and Wales for social reasons. Some 38% of the total number of abortions were performed on women who had at least one previous abortion. The rate of abortion was highest among women aged 22.

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

All kindly check in at the sacristy before Mass

FIRST FRIDAY COMMUNION

CALLS: Tomorrow (Monday) Fr. Mark will call to parishioners who are sick or housebound.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Congratulations to the boys and girls who received the sacred gift of the Holy Spirit on last Wednesday. We thank all those concerned with their preparation especially their parents/guardians and the teachers in our parish schools. And a big thank you to those who helped prepare the church for the ceremony and to St. Joseph's N.S. Rathwire choir for all their hard work!



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.

PARISH FAMILY DAY SUNDAY 1ST JULY 2018

As we plan for our Parish Family Day the Parish Pastoral Council invite anyone who would like to help us prepare and arrange for this big event to attend our second preparatory meeting on Wednesday 16th May at 8pm in the Parochial House.

WMOF REGISTRATION 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



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.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Raharney Camogie Club are holding a fundraising cake sale this weekend after the 6pm and 10am Masses. This is to raise funds for the National U14 Camogie Championship (Feile) which we are hosting for both camogie and hurling this year from June 8-10th. As well as hosting a team from Antrim we will also be participating. This is a great opportunity for both our clubs to showcase our great talent, facilities and hospitality. If anyone would like to help out during the Feile then please contact 086 3651214. **Raharney Community Alert** invite you to attend a Home Security & Farm Safety Meeting in Shay Murtagh's, Raharney on Thursday May 10th at 8pm with expert advice from Garda & Farmer Representatives.

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*

OFFICIAL FAMILY PRAYER FOR WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

God, our Father,
We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,
One family, in the Spirit of your love.
Bless us with the joy of love.

Make us patient and kind,
gentle and generous,
welcoming to those in need.
Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.

Protect all families with your loving care,
Especially those for whom we now pray:

[We pause and remember family members and others by name].

Increase our faith,
Strengthen our hope,
Keep us safe in your love,
Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.

This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen

Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.
Saint Joseph, father and protector,
pray for us.
Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.
Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, pray for us.

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See the church notice boards
and diocesan website.

STAND UP FOR LIFE – FINAL RALLY BEFORE THE VOTE! SATURDAY 12TH MAY 2PM MERRION SQUARE, DUBLIN
THERE WON'T BE ANY SECOND CHANCES TO SAVE THE 8TH AMENDMENT. THE TIME IS NOW!
www.loveboth.ie