



NEWSLETTER ASCENSION SUNDAY
A PARISH OF THE MULLINGAR DEANERY

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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 this Wednesday 16th May at 8pm in the Parochial House.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION During the coming weeks, children in our parish will receive their First Holy Communion, we assure them and their families of our prayers and thank their teachers for all the work in preparation for the ceremonies. Next Saturday morning we celebrate with the children and their families in Raharney

MEATH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Led by Bishop Michael Smith 12th – 17th September 2018.
Cost: €749 To book: Pilgrimage Abroad Ltd, 164 Lower Baggot St., Dublin 2. Tel: 01-6359300 or contact Ann Maher 087-9308405 here in the parish for more details.

SATURDAY EVENING VIGIL MASS TIME

The Parish Pastoral Council seek to facilitate the needs of parishioners over the summer months with regard the suitability of the 6pm time. We invite those who regularly attend the Vigil Mass to think about whether to keep the Vigil at 6pm or change to 7pm beginning in June. A show of hands will be asked for on the last Saturday of this month as to change or not. In the mean while please mention to Fr. Mark, Maureen O'Neill, Eileen Leavy, Margo Fitzsimons or Amy Rudd as to which you prefer.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Prayer Vigil for Life St Camillus Nursing Centre Chapel Thursday 17th May at 7pm – 9pm. All welcome (for as long as you wish to stay).
Columba College Congratulations to all in TY on their brilliant staging during the past week of Greece in the Mullingar Arts Centre.
Thomastown Killucan Royal Group Reminder Family Fun Day Saturday 27th May at Thomastown Harbour Free Entry. More details next week. **Lourdes Annual Church Gate Collection** will take place on the 9th & 10th June.

MASS INTENTIONS:

ST. JOSEPH'S, RATHWIRE.

Saturday 6pm. Missa pro populo.
Sunday 11.30am. Dympna Rourke. Ollie Ayers. Eddie Deihy.

Wednesday 9am.

Friday 9am.

Saturday 6pm. Jimmy & Nancy Staunton & dec. Family
Sunday 11.30am. Michael, Margaret & Michael Kenny. McCormack & Coleman Family.

ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.

Sunday 10am. Joseph & Vera Mulvaney. Thomas Brennan.

Tuesday 9am.

Thursday 9am.

Saturday 11am. First Holy Communion

Sunday 10am. John Mulkearns (MM). Philip & Mary Mullen & dec. Family.

Confessions: Fridays after Mass and Saturdays after the Vigil Mass



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (basket): ST. JOSEPH'S €405.00 ST. BRIGID'S €305.00
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes): €1064.50



THROUGH BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY:

Siobhán Noelle O'Grady, Rosey Yanisa Traynor & Caoimhe Kathleen Connelly.

INTO YOUR HANDS O LORD WE COMMEND: Philomena Greene, Cork

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, Clifford Naughton & Paul O'Looney.

Minister of the Word: 10am. Vincent Smyth.

ST. JOSEPH'S Ministers of Holy Communion: 6pm Jennifer Flood & Mary Gilsean. 11.30am Jimmy Garty, Barbara Gough & Johanne Farrell *Ministers of the Word:* 6pm. Anne Rooney. 11:30am Patricia Doyle.

CHOOSE LIFE - ISSUE NO. 15

"Defending the right to life of the unborn is the most important social justice issue of our time. It will shape the kind of Ireland we live in for years to come." *Finola Bruton is chair of the Parish Pastoral Council of Dunboyne & Kilbride; her husband John was Taoiseach 1994-7*

Does life begin at conception?

Yes. But this is not just a question of belief – it's a scientific fact. At the moment of conception a new, unique human being with his or her own DNA comes into existence. In recent years, amazing advances in ultrasound technology provide us with a window into the womb and reveal the truth that the unborn child is undeniably one of us – a human being and much more than _a clump of cells_. In the past, some people may have pleaded ignorance to the humanity of life in the womb but today we no longer have this excuse.

When does a baby's heart start to beat?

The first few weeks are the most rapid time of development for a new human life. The baby's beating heart has been recorded as early as 21 days after conception – this is sometimes before a mum even discovers that she is pregnant!

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 www.loveboth.ie

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.

BRING FLOWERS OF THE RAREST

Bring flowers of the fairest
Bring flowers of the rarest,
From garden and woodland
And hillside and vale;
Our full hearts are swelling,
Our Glad voices telling
The praise of the loveliest
Rose of the vale.

O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May,
O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.

Our voices ascending,
In harmony blending,
Oh! Thus may our hearts turn
Dear Mother, to thee;
Oh! Thus shall we prove thee
How truly we love thee,
How dark without Mary
Life's journey would be.

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