



**NEWSLETTER** *THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR C*  
A PARISH OF THE MULLINGAR DEANERY

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**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**ST. JOSEPH'S, RATHWIRE.**

**Sunday 11:30am Feast of the Ascension** Helen Carley 1<sup>st</sup> Ann.; dec Coleman & Mc Cormack family; Mary, Pat & dec Flynn family; Michael & John Dobson

**Wednesday 9am**

**First Friday 7pm** Parish List of the Dead

**First Saturday 10am** Anniversaries Occurring

**Pentecost Sunday 11:30am Joe Dennis**

**ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.**

**Saturday 6pm** Christopher, Kathy & dec McKeogh family

**Sunday 10am Feast of the Ascension** Michael Dargan, Paddy Cunningham & dec O'Brien family

**Tuesday 9am**

**Thursday 9am**

**Saturday 6pm** Missa pro populo

**Pentecost Sunday 10am** Maureen Mulkearns Hill 1<sup>st</sup> Ann & dec. Mulkearns family.

*Confessions: Fridays after Mass and Saturdays after the Vigil Mass*



**MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: ST. JOSEPH'S € 255.00 ST. BRIGID'S €305.00**  
**PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes): €510.00**

**CEMETERY SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**  
**MASS AT 12NOON**

**Adoration**  
of the Blessed Sacrament



In St. Joseph's Tuesday 1pm-9pm.  
& St. Brigid's Wed. 6pm-10pm:  
*Special Diocesan intention of prayer  
for vocations and the family.*

**TO ASSIST NEXT WEEK**

**ST. BRIGID'S Ministers of Holy Communion:** 6pm. Michael Carey, Phil Tiffit & Mary Leech. 10am. Declan Weir, Noel & Marie Greville. **Ministers of the Word:** 6pm. Maureen O'Neill 10am. Liz Naughton

**ST. JOSEPH'S Ministers of Holy Communion:** 11:30am. Maura McAulliffe, Mary Briody & Sharon Fitzpatrick. **Minister of the Word:** 6pm. 11:30am Amanda O'Neill.

**All kindly check in at the sacristy before Mass**

**Camillian Pilgrimage 2019** Following in the footsteps of the great saints, St. Pio & St. Camillus; visiting San Giovanni, Alba Adriatica & Rome. Departing 26<sup>th</sup> September for seven nights. Spiritual Director will be Fr. Frank Monks MI. For full itinerary contact Mary Briody on 087-6336513 **Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 9-14 September 2019.** Bookings can be made with Pilgrimage Abroad Ltd, Lower Baggot St, Dublin 2. Tel 01-6359300. email: info@pilgrimagesabroad.ie Church gate collection for the Lourdes Fund 8/9<sup>th</sup> June.

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See the church notice boards  
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**Prayer Before a Test or Exam**

Come Holy Spirit with all Your gifts and graces. Help me to recall the facts I have studied for this test/exam. Guide my thinking process and fill my mind with the ideas and concepts I need to know in order to do well. Illuminate my mind and make clear the answers I am supposed to give for each question. As I answer, keep my thoughts clear and concise. Replace any anxiety I feel with peace in knowing that You are with me to assist me and guide my responses. Amen.

**TO ALL STUDENT PARISHIONERS TAKING THE LEAVING AND JUNIOR CERTIFICATE EXAM PAPERS BE ASSURED OF OUR PRAYERS.**



*O Great St. Joseph of Cupertino who while on earth did obtain from God the grace to be asked at your examination only the questions you knew, obtain for me a like favour in the examinations for which I am now preparing. In return I promise to make you known and cause you to be invoked. Through Christ our Lord. St. Joseph of Cupertino, pray for us. Amen.*

Perhaps “those of us who have a reasonably comfortable life don’t know how to weep. Some realities in life are only seen with eyes cleansed by tears. I would like each of you to ask yourself this question: Can I weep? Can I weep when I see a child who is starving, on drugs or on the street, homeless, abandoned, mistreated or exploited as a slave by society? Or is my weeping only the self-centred whining of those who cry because they want something else?” Try to learn to weep for all those young people less fortunate than yourselves. Weeping is also an expression of mercy and compassion. If tears do not come, ask the Lord to give you the grace to weep for the sufferings of others. Once you can weep, then you will be able to help others from the heart. At times, the hurt felt by some young people is heart-rending, a pain too deep for words. They can only tell God how much they are suffering, and how hard it is for them to keep going, since they no longer believe in anyone. Yet in that sorrowful plea, the words of Jesus make themselves heard: “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted” (Mt 5:4). Some young men and women were able to move forward because they heard that divine promise. May all young people who are suffering feel the closeness of a Christian community that can reflect those words by its actions, its embrace and its concrete help. It is true that people in power offer some assistance, but often it comes at a high price. In many poor countries, economic aid provided by some richer countries or international agencies is usually tied to the acceptance of Western views of sexuality, marriage, life or social justice. This ideological colonization is especially harmful to the young. We also see how a certain kind of advertising teaches young people to be perpetually dissatisfied and contributes to the throwaway culture, in which young people themselves end up being discarded. Our present-day culture exploits the image of the young. Beauty is associated with a youthful appearance, cosmetic treatments that hide the traces of time. Young bodies are constantly advertised as a means of selling products. The ideal of beauty is youth, but we need to realize that this has very little to do with young people. It only means that adults want to snatch youth for themselves, not that they respect, love and care for young people. Some young people “find family traditions oppressive and they flee from them under the impulse of a globalized culture that at times leaves them without points of reference. In other parts of the world, even more than generational conflict between young people and adults, there is mutual estrangement. Sometimes adults fail, or do not even try, to hand on the basic values of life, or they try to imitate young people, thus inverting the relationship between generations. The relationship between young people and adults thus risks remaining on the affective level, leaving its educational and cultural aspects untouched”. What harm this does to young people, even though some do not notice it! Young people themselves have remarked how enormously difficult this makes the transmission of the faith “in some countries without freedom of speech, where young people are prevented from attending Church”.

**CHRISTUS VIVIT – CHRIST IS ALIVE!**

Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis to Young People and to the entire People of God



July 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Join with Fr. Mark on the traditional three day pilgrimage to Lough Derg! You are invited to walk in the spiritual foot-steps of your ancestors and be part of the unbroken link of Lough Derg as a place of continuous prayer for over 50 generations (1500 years). If interested contacted 044-9374818.

**WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY** for the Church is commemorated on Ascension Day. The theme this year is. “We are members one of another” (Eph 4,25). From social network communities to the human community. Pope Francis in his message wrote. “Ever since the internet first became available, the Church has always sought to promote its use in the service of the encounter between persons, and of solidarity among all. With this Message I would like to invite you once again to reflect on the foundation and importance of our being-in-relation and to rediscover, in the vast array of challenges of the current communications context, the desire of the human person who does not want to be left isolated and alone. [ ] The use of the social web is complementary to an encounter in the flesh that comes alive through the body, heart, eyes, gaze, breath of the other. If the Net is used as an extension or expectation of such an encounter, then the network concept is not betrayed and remains a resource for communion. [ ] This is the network we want, a network created not to entrap, but to liberate, to protect a communion of people who are free. The Church herself is a network woven together by Eucharistic communion, where unity is based not on “likes”, but on the truth, on the “Amen”, by which each one clings to the Body of Christ, and welcomes others”. For full text see [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)