



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

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MASS INTENTIONS:

ST. JOSEPH'S, RATHWIRE.

Saturday 6pm Missa pro populo

Sunday 11.30am Julia McDonagh

Ash Wednesday No Mass *Blessed ashes available all day in the church. 10:30am Mass at the Camillians*

Saturday 6pm Ann & Mattie Moore

Sunday 11:30am Paddy & Thomas Beatty; William & Peter Pakenham

ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.

Sunday 10am Missa pro populo

Ash Wednesday 7pm Mass *Blessed ashes available all day in the church.*

Sunday 10am Brendan Shiels

For Mass during this week please join the Camillians



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: ST. JOSEPH'S €355.00 ST. BRIGID'S €415.00
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes): €1,250.00



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: 10am. Declan Weir, Noel & Marie Greville. *Minister of the Word:* 10am. Caroline Holdwright.

ST. JOSEPH'S Ministers of Holy Communion: 6pm. Anne Maher & Mary Leech. 11:30am. Rose Mullen, Erica Hynes & Marie Leavy. *Ministers of the Word:* 6pm. Anne Rooney. 11:30am Annette Farrell.

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



PILGRIMAGE TO KRAKOW & CZESTOCHOWA 17TH – 22ND JUNE 2019.

Join with Fr. Mark on pilgrimage to the City of Divine Mercy & Pope St. John Paul II. As pilgrims we will also journey to the national Marian Shrine of Poland, Our Lady the Black Madonna. Our days will include sightseeing tour of Krakow, the Wieliczka Saltmines, Wadowice, the Auschwitz-Birkenau Museum with option to visit the concentration camps and the cell of St. Maximilian Kolbe. There will be daily Mass and plenty of opportunity for personal leisure time around Krakow and Czestochowa. Cost €930 per person sharing (single supplement €200) includes return flights Dublin/Krakow; 5 nights hotels with dinner, bed & breakfast; All coach tours & transfers; Admission charges to places on itinerary; Services of Marian Pilgrimages guide throughout; Airport & local taxes; Comprehensive pilgrim travel insurance up to 85 years. 10 kilo hand luggage. **For further information and booking contact Marian Pilgrimages tel: 01-8788159; email: info@marian.ie**



ASH WEDNESDAY is a day of fast and abstinence! If you are unable to make Mass please do take a moment to drop into either church during the day. Blessed Ashes will be available up at the sanctuary all day. As we begin Lent, our sacred time of 'operation transformation' set aside an extra bit of time for daily prayer. Maybe set up a sacred space/altar in your home with the Bible at the centre and use the Trocaire Box as a visible reminder of how fortunate we are and of what we can share with those whose needs are greater. And of course we are called to give up some favourite foods/sweets or even T.V., iPad or Facebook time as a way of fasting for Lent! With so much talk of going vegan remember that as Catholics we are asked to abstain from meat every Friday and if possible every Wednesday so perhaps you might also consider keeping this practice for Lent!

Lent a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Trocaire Boxes can be picked up in the porches of both churches.

MEETING "THE PROTECTION OF MINORS IN THE CHURCH" ADDRESS OF POPE FRANCIS AT THE END OF THE EUCHARISTIC CONCELEBRATION Vatican, Sunday, 24 February 2019

Brothers and sisters, today we find ourselves before a manifestation of brazen, aggressive and destructive evil. Behind and within, there is the spirit of evil, which in its pride and in its arrogance considers itself the Lord of the world and thinks that it has triumphed. I would like to say this to you with the authority of a brother and a father, certainly a small one and a sinner, but who is the pastor of the Church that presides in charity: in these painful cases, I see the hand of evil that does not spare even the innocence of the little ones. Just as we must take every practical measure that common sense, the sciences and society offer us, neither must we lose sight of this reality; we need to take up the spiritual means that the Lord himself teaches us: humiliation, self-accusation, prayer and penance. This is the only way to overcome the spirit of evil. It is how Jesus himself overcame it.

The Church's aim will thus be to hear, watch over, protect and care for abused, exploited and forgotten children, wherever they are. The time has come, then, to work together to eradicate this evil from the body of our humanity by adopting every necessary measure already in force on the international level and ecclesial levels. The time has come to find a correct equilibrium of all values in play and to provide uniform directives for the Church, avoiding the two extremes of a "justicialism" provoked by guilt for past errors and media pressure, and a defensiveness that fails to confront the causes and effects of these grave crimes. In this context, I would mention the "best practices" formulated under the guidance of the World Health Organization by a group of ten international bodies that developed and approved a packet of measures called INSPIRE: Seven Strategies for Ending Violence against Children. With the help of these guidelines, the work carried out in recent years by the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors and the contributions made by this Meeting, the Church, in developing her legislation, will concentrate on the following aspects: [see the full address]

Allow me now to offer a heartfelt word of thanks to all those priests and consecrated persons who serve the Lord faithfully and totally, and who feel themselves dishonoured and discredited by the shameful conduct of some of their confreres. All of us – the Church, consecrated persons, the People of God, and even God himself – bear the effects of their infidelity. In the name of the whole Church, I thank the vast majority of priests who are not only faithful to their celibacy, but spend themselves in a ministry today made even more difficult by the scandals of few (but always too many) of their confreres. I also thank the faithful who are well aware of the goodness of their pastors and who continue to pray for them and to support them. Finally, I would like to stress the important need to turn this evil into an opportunity for purification. Let us look to the example of Edith Stein – Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross – with the certainty that "in the darkest night, the greatest prophets and saints rise up. Still, the life-giving stream of the mystical life remains invisible. Surely, the decisive events of history of the world have been essentially influenced by souls about whom the history books remain silent. And those souls that we must thank for the decisive events in our personal lives is something that we will know only on that day when all that which is hidden will be brought to light". The holy, faithful People of God, in its daily silence, in many forms and ways continues to demonstrate and attest with "stubborn" hope that the Lord never abandons but sustains the constant and, in so many cases, painful devotion of his children. The holy and patient, faithful People of God, borne up and enlivened by the Holy Spirit, is the best face of the prophetic Church which puts her Lord at the centre in daily giving of herself. It will be precisely this holy People of God to liberate us from the plague of clericalism, which is the fertile ground for all these disgraces.

The best results and the most effective resolution that we can offer to the victims, to the People of Holy Mother Church and to the entire world, are the commitment to personal and collective conversion, the humility of learning, listening, assisting and protecting the most vulnerable. I make a heartfelt appeal for an all-out battle against the abuse of minors both sexually and in other areas, on the part of all authorities and individuals, for we are dealing with abominable crimes that must be erased from the face of the earth: this is demanded by all the many victims hidden in families and in the various settings of our societies.

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