



NEWSLETTER EASTER SUNDAY
A PARISH OF THE MULLINGAR DEANERY

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MASS INTENTIONS:

ST. JOSEPH'S, RATHWIRE.

Easter Sunday 11.30am Missa pro populo
Easter Friday (First Friday) 7pm Parish List of the Dead
Easter Saturday 10am Anniversaries Occurring
Divine Mercy Sunday 11.30am. Una Gilsean (MM); Johnny, Francis & deceased Monaghan Family

ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.

Easter Sunday 10am. Missa pro populo
Easter Saturday 6pm. Betty & Kevin Dufficy
Divine Mercy Sunday 10am. Jack & Philomena Anderson; Deceased Geoghegan Family

10:30am Mass Easter Tuesday – Easter Thursday with the Community of St. Camillus

Confessions: Fridays after Mass and Saturdays after the Vigil Mass



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (basket): ST. JOSEPH'S €505.00 ST. BRIGID'S €360.00
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes): €852.70



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. Margaret Farrelly, Douglas Hynes & Sean Coyne 10am. Molly Doyle, Cliff Naughton & Paul O'Looney.

Minister of the Word: 6pm. Maureen O'Neill. 10am. Vincent Smyth.

ST. JOSEPH'S Ministers of Holy Communion: 11.30am. Barbara Gough, Sharon Fitzpatrick & Jimmy Garty.
Ministers of the Word: 11:30am Des Smyth.

CHOOSE LIFE - ISSUE NO. 9

"The doctors told us our baby had a 'fatal foetal abnormality' and that they were 100% certain that our baby wouldn't live. We were told there was no hope at all. Grace was born in November 2014 with Down Syndrome. She is a little miracle. She's a joy from morning until night. She has made a difference in everybody's life. Her siblings adore her. Everybody adores her. She teaches us something new every day." *Sinéad McBreen mother of Grace from Bailieborough, Co. Cavan*

Is a view on abortion solely a question of religious belief?

The right to life is not just a question of religious belief. As the first and fundamental human right, it affects people of all faiths, and none. You do not have to be from any particular faith tradition to agree that human life should be protected and that intentionally ending the life of another human is never justified. Supporting and sustaining a culture of life is in the interest of every citizen, Catholics and all people of goodwill because it defines us as a society.

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

Celebrating this Eastertide, I wish you and your families every blessing as we share in the great joy, peace and hope of believing in the Risen Lord – Fr. Mark.

Thank you to everyone for joining with us in commemorating the sacred days of Holy Week. So much effort went into preparing the churches and organizing the ceremonies and the outdoor Dawn Mass. To Mary and Breda our sacristans in St. Joseph's and St. Brigid's; to all involved in cleaning, decorating and flower arranging the churches; to St. Joseph's Choir, and all involved with providing the beautiful music and singing which so enhanced our liturgies; to the Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion, Ministers of the Word; to the servers and their parents and guardians for their dedicated help; to the basket collectors and the new team of counters; to Dick and those who attend to the grounds around our churches and cemeteries, especially to the Tidy Towns in Raharney; to Tom and all at Gala, Killucan for kindly assisting with the breakfast after the Dawn Mass; to Eileen in the Parish Office and to the Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee and the various parish groups; to those involved in our parish schools and everyone who so generously and tirelessly participate in making our parish vibrant and joyfully witnessing to the Faith, Hope and Love we hold in God the Almighty and Merciful One. May this Season of Eastertide continue to encourage us to gladly pray, reflect and tell the Good News of Jesus Christ, Our Risen Saviour. Enjoy the Easter Eggs! For Christians the egg is a symbol of Jesus' resurrection, as when they are cracked open they stand for the empty tomb. Eggs were always thought to be special because although they do not seem alive, they have life within them when chicks hatch out!



The Holy Water of Easter is available from the churches for taking home.



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 on the 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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
To commemorate this Feast and the popular devotion to the image of Divine Mercy and also the praying of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, our parish will host many visitors who will come for the 3pm Devotions next weekend. Following the 11:30am Mass there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with confessions available from 2:30pm when the rosary will begin. After the 3 O'clock prayer there will be individual veneration of the Image and then benediction.



If you have not already returned your Trócaire boxes please do so at Masses next weekend, leaving them in the large baskets provided at the altar. Please do not leave your box unattended in the churches during the week! If you wish you can put your collection into an envelope marked 'Trócaire'. Thank you for your generosity to those most in need of our help.

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CHILD SAFEGUARDING
See the church notice boards and diocesan website.

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*