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MASS INTENTIONS:

ST. JOSEPH'S, RATHWIRE.

Saturday 6pm Feast of the Epiphany Frank Farrell MM; Frank Mulvaney

Sunday 11.30am Feast of the Epiphany Missa pro populo

Wednesday 9am

Friday 9m

Saturday 6pm Annie & Christy Heffernan, Pat & Camillus Heffernan, Jolleen Heffernan

Sunday 11:30am Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Dessie McKeogh

ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.

Sunday 10am Feast of the Epiphany John, Mary Lynam & Patrick Kennedy

Tuesday 9am.

Thursday 9am

Sunday 10am Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Jim Lynch MM & deceased family

Confessions: Fridays after Mass and Saturdays after the Vigil Mass



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: ST. JOSEPH'S € 215.00 ST. BRIGID'S €290.00
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes): €570.00



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

ST. BRIGID'S Ministers of Holy Communion: 10am Peter Fagan, Edward Fox & Martina Mockler. *Minister of the Word:* Liz Naughton. **ST. JOSEPH'S Ministers of Holy Communion:** 6pm. Anne Maher & Mary Leech. 11:30am Maura McAulliffe, Mary Briody & Sharon Fitzpatrick. *Ministers of the Word:* 6pm Paul Dunne. 11:30am Des Smyth

All kindly check in at the sacristy before Mass

The new rotas are available in the sacristies

**THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF EASTER AND THE MOVEABLE FEASTS:
ON THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY THE HOLY CHURCH ANNOUNCES.**

Know dear brothers and sisters that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Saviour.

On the 6th day of March will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the 21st day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 2nd day of June will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 9th day of June, the feast of Pentecost.

On the 23rd day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the 1st day of December, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen



As we celebrate Little Christmas, we think of the old Irish tradition of Nollaig ná mBan and show our appreciation for all that our mummies and grannies do for our families and for our Church, especially over the Season of Christmas. We thank them for all the love and care they provide at home and indeed for others too. It is tradition in many European countries for Epiphany to chalk over the door 20+C+M+B+19 with a cross etched upon this equation, giving witness to the worship the household holds for Jesus, the Son of God throughout the year ahead.



**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE
52nd WORLD DAY OF PEACE, 1 JANUARY 2019**

Peace is like the hope which the poet Charles Péguy celebrated. It is like a delicate flower struggling to blossom on the stony ground of violence. We know that the thirst for power at any price leads to abuses and injustice. Politics is an essential means of building human community and institutions, but when political life is not seen as a form of service to society as a whole, it can become a means of oppression, marginalization and even destruction. Jesus tells us that, "if anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all" (Mk 9:35). In the words of Pope St. Paul VI, "to take politics seriously at its different levels – local, regional, national and worldwide – is to affirm the duty of each individual to acknowledge the reality and value of the freedom offered him to work at one and the same time for the good of the city, the nation and all mankind".

Political office and political responsibility thus constantly challenge those called to the service of their country to make every effort to protect those who live there and to create the conditions for a worthy and just future. If exercised with basic respect for the life, freedom and dignity of persons, political life can indeed become an outstanding form of charity.

Pope Benedict XVI noted that "every Christian is called to practise charity in a manner corresponding to his vocation and according to the degree of influence he wields in the pólis... When animated by charity, commitment to the common good has greater worth than a merely secular and political stand would have... Man's earthly activity, when inspired and sustained by charity, contributes to the building of the universal city of God, which is the goal of the history of the human family". This is a programme on which all politicians, whatever their culture or religion, can agree, if they wish to work together for the good of the human family and to practise those human virtues that sustain all sound political activity: justice, equality, mutual respect, sincerity, honesty, fidelity. In this regard, it may be helpful to recall the "Beatitudes of the Politician", proposed by Vietnamese Cardinal François-Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuận, a faithful witness to the Gospel who died in 2002:

Blessed be the politician with a lofty sense and deep understanding of his role.

Blessed be the politician who personally exemplifies credibility.

Blessed be the politician who works for the common good and not his or her own interest.

Blessed be the politician who remains consistent.

Blessed be the politician who works for unity.

Blessed be the politician who works to accomplish radical change.

Blessed be the politician who is capable of listening.

Blessed be the politician who is without fear.

Every election and re-election, and every stage of public life, is an opportunity to return to the original points of reference that inspire justice and law. One thing is certain: good politics is at the service of peace. It respects and promotes fundamental human rights, which are at the same time mutual obligations, enabling a bond of trust and gratitude to be forged between present and future generations.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Killucan Raharney Golden Years Club resumes after the Christmas / New Year break on Wednesday 16th January 2019. Looking forward to seeing everyone and get a friend to join as new members are very welcome. **FREE Structured Patient Education Programme for People with Type Two Diabetes** on Thursday 17th & Friday 18th January 2019 in Mullingar Primary Care Centre, Harbour Road, Mullingar. This is a two day programme; from 9.30 am-1.00 pm over the 2 days. If you have diabetes and are interested in attending can you please contact Orla or Niamh on 090 6424844.

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