



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As you ring in the New Year 2020 I want to extend blessings and good wishes to you and your families. Many thanks again to all who have assisted with the Masses for Christmas, in-particular Mary & Breda, our sacristans; to the servers and their parents/guardians; to everyone who helped prepare the churches, especially David Bray, Rosaleen Barry & Anne Maher who assisted with the flowers, and Fergus, Denise, Dick, Ned & Shay for their assistance with the outdoor Christmas Trees and crib displays; to the choirs, Kathryn & the children from the schools who enhanced our liturgies in both churches; all the extra effort by so many is greatly appreciated. Looking ahead with New Year's resolutions and much expectation as to what 2020 will hold for us, let us do so with faith, hope and love; confidently entrusting all to God under the maternal care of our Heavenly Mother, to whom the first day of the New Year is dedicated. Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

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MASS INTENTIONS:

ST. JOSEPH'S, RATHWIRE.

Sunday 11:30am *Feast of the Holy Family* Missa pro populo (*Mass for the People of the Parish*)
New Year's Day 10am. *Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World day of Prayer for Peace.*

First

Friday 9am *Parish List of the Dead*

Saturday 6pm Frank Mulvaney

Sunday 11:30am James & Nan Byrne

ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.

Saturday 6pm *Feast of the Holy Family* Missa pro populo (*Mass for the People of the Parish*)

Sunday 10am *Feast of the Holy Family* Missa pro populo

Sunday 10am Missa pro populo

Mass this Tuesday & Thursday in the Camillians

Confessions: Fridays after Mass and Saturdays after the Vigil Mass

MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: ST. JOSEPH'S €405.00 ST. BRIGID'S €355.00
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes): €1,160.50

A sincere word of thanks for the generous contribution to the Christmas Offerings.

This contribution assists with the up-keep and needs throughout the year, including the monthly salary, of the priests who serve in the parish. 20% is sent to the Diocesan Office for use to assist priests working elsewhere in the diocese where parochial finances are insufficient to look after the local clergy.



**ON RECENTLY CELEBRATING
THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
WE CONGRATULATE:**

Ornagh Daly & Darragh O'Connor.



RIP Jim Loran, Hodgestown

TO ASSIST NEXT WEEK

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 Jennifer Flood & Mary Gilsenan. 11:30am Maura McAulliffe, Mary Briody & Sharon Fitzpatrick. *Ministers of the Word:* 6pm Maureen O'Neill. 11:30 Amanda O'Neill.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY *Monday 6th January.* Children may wish to dress for the 7pm Mass in Raharney as the Three Kings (*The Magi or Wise Men*) and come to worship the infant in the crib, as we honour the visit of the Three Kings. We also welcome parishioners originally from other countries to prepare a Prayer of the Faithful in their own native language and to meet Fr. Mark before Mass in the Sacristy. It would be great to celebrate the revealing of the Child of Bethlehem to All Nations with various languages representing all the nations that today make up our parish faith community.



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.*

FROM THE CHRISTMAS VIGIL HOMILY OF POPE FRANCIS

Often, we live our lives with such little gratitude. Today is the right day to draw near to the tabernacle, the crèche, the manger, and to say thank you. Let us receive the gift that is Jesus, in order then to become gift like Jesus. To become gift is to give meaning to life. And it is the best way to change the world: we change, the Church changes, history changes, once we stop trying to change others but try to change ourselves and to make of our life a gift. Jesus shows this to us tonight. He did not change history by pressuring anyone or by a flood of words, but by the gift of his life. He did not wait until we were good before he loved us but gave himself freely to us. May we not wait for our neighbours to be good before we do good to them, for the Church to be perfect before we love her, for others to respect us before we serve them. Let us begin with ourselves. This is what it means freely to accept the gift of grace. And holiness is nothing other than preserving this freedom.

A charming legend relates that at the birth of Jesus the shepherds hurried to the stable with different gifts. Each brought what he had; some brought the fruits of their labour, others some precious item. But as they were all presenting their gifts, there was one shepherd who had nothing to give. He was extremely poor; he had no gift to present. As the others were competing to offer their gifts, he stood apart, embarrassed. At a certain point, Saint Joseph and Our Lady found it hard to receive all those gifts, especially Mary, who had to hold the baby. Seeing that shepherd with empty hands, she asked him to draw near. And she put the baby Jesus in his arms. That shepherd, in accepting him, became aware of having received what he did not deserve, of holding in his arms the greatest gift of all time. He looked at his hands, those hands that seemed to him always empty; they had become the cradle of God. He felt himself loved and, overcoming his embarrassment, began to show Jesus to the others, for he could not keep for himself the gift of gifts.

Dear brother, dear sister, if your hands seem empty, if you think your heart is poor in love, this night is for you. The grace of God has appeared, to shine forth in your life. Accept it and the light of Christmas will shine forth in you.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE From 1-9th June 2020 follow in the Footsteps of Jesus and experience the sacred sites of the Gospel. The pilgrimage will begin in Tiberius/Galilee and the surrounding region where Jesus called His disciples and first proclaimed the Good News. Pilgrims will then continue to Jerusalem and take excursions to the wider district, including Bethlehem. Fr. Mark English will be Spiritual Director for this pilgrimage which is provided by Navan Travel. For more details on full itinerary, costs and booking contact 046-9068600; email: info@travalue.ie or check out www.travalue.ie.

THE FAMILY PRAYER

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.