



NEWSLETTER FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY YEAR C 30TH DECEMBER 2018

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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. Feast of Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World day of Prayer for Peace.

Wednesday 9am

First Friday 7pm Parish List of the Dead

Saturday 10am Anniversaries Occurring

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

Sunday 11:30am Feast of the Epiphany Missa pro populo

ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.

Saturday 6pm Feast of the Holy Family Missa pro populo

Sunday 10am Feast of the Holy Family Missa pro populo

Thursday 9am

Sunday 10am Feast of the Epiphany John & Mary Lynam

Confessions: Fridays after Mass and Saturdays after the Vigil Mass



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: ST. JOSEPH'S € 220.00 ST. BRIGID'S €480.00
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes): €1,248.00

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 when parochial finances are insufficient to run the parish and also look after the local clergy.



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 Declan Weir, Noel & Marie Greville. *Minister of the Word:* Vincent Smyth. **ST. JOSEPH'S Ministers of Holy Communion:** 6pm. Jennifer Flood & Mary Gilsean. 11:30am Rose Mullen, Erica Hynes & Marie Leavy. *Ministers of the Word:* 6pm Maureen O'Neill. 11:30am Marguerite McGauran

All kindly check in at the sacristy before Mass

The new rotas are available in the sacristies

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY Next weekend if children wish to dress as the Three Kings (*The Magi or Wise Men*) and come to worship the infant in the crib as we honour the visitation of the Three Kings. We also welcome parishioners originally from other countries to prepare a Prayer of Intercession (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.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As you ring in the New Year 2019 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 Doyle, The Men's Shed, Denise Scally and the students of Columba College for their assistance with the crib displays; to the choir, the children from sixth class, organists and soloists 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 2019 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.

The common life, whether in the family, the parish, the religious community or any other, is made up of small everyday things. This was true of the holy community formed by Jesus, Mary and Joseph, which reflected in an exemplary way the beauty of the Trinitarian communion. It was also true of the life that Jesus shared with his disciples and with ordinary people. Let us not forget that Jesus asked his disciples to pay attention to details.

The little detail that wine was running out at a party.

The little detail that one sheep was missing.

The little detail of noticing the widow who offered her two small coins.

The little detail of having spare oil for the lamps, should the bridegroom delay.

The little detail of asking the disciples how many loaves of bread they had.

The little detail of having a fire burning and a fish cooking as he waited for the disciples at daybreak.

A community that cherishes the little details of love, whose members care for one another and create an open and evangelizing environment, is a place where the risen Lord is present, sanctifying it in accordance with the Father's plan.

There are times when, by a gift of the Lord's love, we are granted, amid these little details, consoling experiences of God. As St. Therese The Little Flower wrote; "One winter night I was carrying out my little duty as usual... Suddenly, I heard off in the distance the harmonious sound of a musical instrument. I then pictured a well-lighted drawing room, brilliantly gilded, filled with elegantly dressed young ladies conversing together and conferring upon each other all sorts of compliments and other worldly remarks. Then my glance fell upon the poor invalid whom I was supporting. Instead of the beautiful strains of music I heard only her occasional complaints... I cannot express in words what happened in my soul; what I know is that the Lord illumined it with rays of truth which so surpassed the dark brilliance of earthly feasts that I could not believe my happiness".

Pope Francis, Gaudete et Exsultate, 'The Call to Holiness in Today's World' Apostolic Exhortation, published March 2018

THE FAMILY PRAYER OF THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

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.

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