



NEWSLETTER PALM SUNDAY

A PARISH OF THE MULLINGAR DEANERY



25TH MARCH 2018

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MASS INTENTIONS:

ST. JOSEPH'S, RATHWIRE.

Saturday 6pm. James & Kathleen Leech, Margaret Gorman & Johnny Fitzsimons.

Palm Sunday 11:15am. At St. Joseph's cemetery Blessing of Palms with procession to St. Joseph's church

Angela Cooney (MM); Bridget Carley (MM).

Spy Wednesday 9am.

Good Friday 3pm. *The Passion of the Lord*

Holy Saturday 9pm. *Easter Vigil* Missa pro populo

Easter Sunday 11:30am Missa pro populo

ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.

Palm Sunday 10am. Valerie Murtagh (MM), Mick & Mary Murtagh.

Tuesday of Holy Week 9am.

Holy Thursday 7pm. *Mass of the Lord's Supper* Missa pro populo

Good Friday 8pm *Prayer around the Cross*

Easter Sunday 6:30am *Dawn Mass of the Resurrection, Kilcolumb Cemetery* Missa pro Populo

Easter Sunday 10am. Missa pro populo

Confessions: Fridays after Mass and Saturdays after Vigil Mass.



MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (basket): ST. JOSEPH'S €555.00 ST. BRIGID'S €95.00
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes): €517.50



ON RECENTLY CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE WE CONGRATULATE:
Mairead Duignan & Conor Boyle

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: 10am. Roisin Mockler.

ST. JOSEPH'S Ministers of Holy Communion: 9pm Anne Maher & Marie Leavy. 11.30am. Jimmy Garty & Mary Briody.

Ministers of the Word: 9pm. Anne Rooney. 11:30am Claire Corroon.

CHOOSE LIFE - ISSUE NO. 8

"I'm challenged on my views a lot because I'm a man. There are some who feel I shouldn't have an opinion. As a father, I say we should all have a voice in this debate. It's a family issue at heart" *Séan Feeney, father of Aaron from Castleknock, Dublin 15*

A culture of life, Our Common Humanity

Making abortion freely available desensitises people to the value of every human life, especially lives that are vulnerable. The scientific evidence about the beginning of human life has never been clearer. It is a great irony that we in Ireland are for the first time in our history losing our clarity about the right to life of the unborn. Knowledge about the mysterious workings of DNA and the stunningly vivid evidence of ultrasound images of little persons in the earliest weeks in the womb should be making us more committed than ever to the protection of unborn life. Supporting and sustaining a culture of life in Ireland is in the interests of every generation and 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

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Kindly return the Trócaire Boxes or contributions placed in an envelope marked Trocaire and leave them in the basket at the altar on Easter Sunday or the following weekend.

FIRST FRIDAY COMMUNION CALLS:
This Monday, 26th March, Fr. Mark will call to parishioners who are sick and housebound.



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



The Diocesan celebration of the Chrism Mass takes place at 7pm on Spy Wednesday 28th March in the Cathedral of Christ the King Mullingar. Everyone is welcome to attend. Special invitation to those families who have relatives ministering as priests in the diocese or abroad.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

At Masses this weekend candidates for confirmation will present their letters for Bishop Michael, which will be presented to him on the evening of the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral.

NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

At the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening new ministers will be commissioned to assist with the distribution of Holy Communion at Masses and to the sick and housebound. We thank them for their generous response to taking on this important role of service.

LAUNCH OF OUR PARISH WEBSITE

www.parishofkillucan.ie will be launched at the 6pm Vigil Mass this weekend World Youth Day, with the help of our young people soon to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

KILLUCAN S.V.P.
Tel: 086-0706571
Check out Vincent's Shop

CHILD SAFEGUARDING
See the church notice boards and diocesan website.

OFFICIAL FAMILY PRAYER FOR 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.

Please join in singing our Hymn for Lent

Let us continue with the catechesis on the Holy Mass.....

The Liturgy of the Eucharist ends with the prayer after Communion. On behalf of everyone, with that prayer the priest turns to God to thank him for having shared the banquet and to ask that what was received may transform our lives. The Eucharist makes us strong in order to produce fruit in good works to live as Christians. Today's prayer is significant: we ask the Lord that "the participation in his Sacrament may be for us a heavenly medicine, heal us from sin and reaffirm us in his friendship" (cf. Roman Missal, Wednesday, Fifth week of Lent). Let us approach the Eucharist: receiving Jesus who transforms us into him makes us stronger. The Lord is so good and so great! [] I offer a special greeting to the Irish pilgrims accompanying the icon of the Ninth World Meeting of Families, to be celebrated in Dublin in August. With prayerful good wishes that this Lenten season will be a time of grace and spiritual renewal for you and your families, I invoke upon all of you joy and peace in our Lord Jesus Christ. God bless you! I am planning to travel to Dublin on 25-26 August this year for the World Meeting of Families. As of now, I thank the civil authorities, the Bishops, the Archbishop of Dublin and all those who are working together to prepare this journey. Thank you.

Pope Francis, General Audience, St. Peter's Square, Wednesday 21st March 2018

Forty Days and Forty Night

Forty days and forty nights
Thou wast fasting in the wild;
Forty days and forty nights
Tempted still yet unbeguiled.

Let us thy endurance share
And from earthly greed abstain,
With thee watching unto prayer,
With Thee strong to suffer pain?

