



**NEWSLETTER** *PENTECOST SUNDAY*  
A PARISH OF THE MULLINGAR DEANERY



20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018

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**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**ST. JOSEPH'S, RATHWIRE.**

**Saturday 6pm.** Jimmy & Nancy Staunton & dec. Family. Ellen (1<sup>st</sup> Ann) & Pat Monaghan.

**.Sunday 11.30am.** Michael, Margaret & Michael Kenny. McCormack & Coleman Family.

**Wednesday 9am.**

**Friday 9am.**

**Saturday 11am. First Holy Communion**

**Saturday 6pm.** Missa pro populo.

**Sunday 11.30am.** Daniel & Brigid Carey. Paddy & Margaret Hill & dec. Family.

**ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.**

**Sunday 10am.** John Mulkearns (MM). Philip & Mary Mullen & dec. Family.

**Tuesday 9am.**

**Thursday 9am.**

**Sunday 10am.** Mattie & Peggy O'Keeffe. Bess & Joseph Farrelly.

*Confessions: Fridays after Mass and Saturdays after the Vigil Mass*



**MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION (basket): ST. JOSEPH'S €460.00 ST. BRIGID'S €245.00**  
**PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes): €828.70**



**ON RECENTLY CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE WE CONGRATULATE:** Elaine Finn & Simon McLoughlin



**INTO YOUR HANDS O LORD WE COMMEND:** Bernie Allen, Raharney



**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**

*All kindly check in at the sacristy before Mass*

**ST. BRIGID'S Ministers of Holy Communion:** 10am. Declan Weir, Noel & Marie Greville.

*Minister of the Word:* 10am. Liz Naughton.

**ST. JOSEPH'S Ministers of Holy Communion:** 6pm Anne Maher & Marie Leavy. 11.30am Rose Mullen, Mary Briody & Maura McAulliffe. *Ministers of the Word:* 6pm. Maureen O'Neill. 11:30am Annette Farrell.

**"Vote for Life": a comment by Bishop Michael Smith**

With less than a week to go to the referendum, there remains a lot of confusion among the electorate about what the proposal entails.

We are not voting on a solution to the complex cases that have touched the hearts and minds of many people.

We are voting on whether to take away the only legal protection in the Constitution for all unborn children - healthy babies in the womb as well as babies who may have a life-limiting disability.

Our faith requires us to be compassionate but let me be clear – there is no semblance of compassion involved in ending the life of any child in the womb.

I urge you to cast your vote for a society that cherishes the equal right to life of every person. You can do this by voting NO on Friday.

**THE COLUMBAN FATHERS** We welcome Fr. Barry Maguire SSC who this weekend speaks on the work and mission of the Columban Missionary Society. Every year a different order or society is invited to visit the parishes of the diocese. This year is the centenary of the founding of the Maynooth Mission to China which today we know as the Columban Father's based in Dalgan Park, Navan. We keep them and the people they live and work with around our world.

**PARISH FAMILY DAY SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2018**

As we plan for our Parish Family Day we invite all families to keep the date free. Mass will be at 12noon followed by the big parish picnic and entertainment! So dust off your fold up picnic tables and chairs, get the baskets and all ready! We need lots of help in making the arrangements for the day. If anyone has a small marquee type of tent please contact the office as we need six or seven such for setting up games etc. There will also be Killucan's got talents so brush up on your party pieces. The next meeting for anyone interested in helping is this Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 8pm in the Parochial House.

[www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)



**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.



**QUEEN OF THE MAY** Let us keep the treasured tradition of honouring our Lady, the Mother of God during the month of May with special devotion. Perhaps get the children in your home to help set up a May altar. Make time for the family rosary, especially with children celebrating their First Holy Communion and those who recently made their Confirmation.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Congratulations to the children in Raharney who received their First Holy Communion, we assure them and their families of our prayers and thank their teachers for all the work in preparation for the ceremonies. Next Saturday morning we celebrate with the children and their families in Rathwire.

**PRO-LIFE CAMPAIGN** In this last week of the campaign anyone free to volunteer in the Mullingar area to help in any way it would be much appreciated. Please contact Ray McIntyre on 087-2988442

**MEATH DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

Led by Bishop Michael Smith 12<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018.  
Cost: €749 To book: Pilgrimage Abroad Ltd, 164 Lower Baggot St., Dublin 2. Tel: 01-6359300 or contact Ann Maher 087-9308405

**SATURDAY EVENING VIGIL MASS TIME**

The Parish Pastoral Council seek to facilitate the needs of parishioners over the summer months with regard the suitability of the 6pm time. We invite those who regularly attend the Vigil

Mass to think about whether to keep the Vigil at 6pm or change to 7pm beginning in June. A show of hands will be asked for on the last Saturday of this month as to change or not. In the mean while please mention to Fr. Mark, Maureen O'Neill, Eileen Leavy, Margo Fitzsimons or Amy Rudd as to which you prefer.

**COMMUNITY NOTES**

**Raharney Grotto:** Rosary recited there each Friday Night at 8pm for the month of May. **Thomastown Killucan Royal Canal Group** Family Fun Day Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May at Thomastown Harbour Free Entry. Live music, Bouncing castles, Face painting, Aqua Zorbing & Lots more. **Lourdes Annual Church Gate Collection** will take place on the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> June.

**CHILD SAFEGUARDING**  
See the church notice boards and diocesan website.

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**BRING FLOWERS OF THE RAREST**  
Bring flowers of the fairest  
Bring flowers of the rarest,  
From garden and woodland  
And hillside and vale;  
Our full hearts are swelling,  
Our Glad voices telling  
The praise of the loveliest  
Rose of the vale.

O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today,  
Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May,  
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Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.

Our voices ascending,  
In harmony blending,  
Oh! Thus may our hearts turn  
Dear Mother, to thee;  
Oh! Thus shall we prove thee  
How truly we love thee,  
How dark without Mary  
Life's journey would be.