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24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019

The Community of St. Camillus  
Tel: 044-9374115

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

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

**Saturday 6pm** James & Kathleen Leech; Margaret Gorman; Johnny Fitzsimons

**Sunday 11:30am** Seamus, David & Willie Leech; Michael & Catherine Dunne; Lena, Andrew & William Corroon

**Wednesday 9am**

**Friday 9am**

**Saturday 6pm** Thomas & Annie Callaghan; Elizabeth, Michael & deceased Davitt family

**Sunday 11:30am** Tadhg & Moy Dineen; Sally & Tommy O'Hara

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

**Sunday 10am** Billy Farrell

**Tuesday 9am**

**Thursday 9am**

**Sunday 10am** Mick & Mary Murtagh

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



**MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: ST. JOSEPH'S € 425.00 ST. BRIGID'S €170.00**  
**PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes): €851.50**

**TO ASSIST NEXT WEEK**

*All kindly check in at the sacristy before Mass*

**ST. BRIGID'S** Ministers of Holy Communion: 10am. Molly Doyle, Clifford Naughton & Paul O'Looney. Minister of the Word: 10am. Liz Naughton.

**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. Anne Rooney. 11:30am Marguerite Mc Gauran.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION RENEWAL WEEKEND IN OUR PARISH**



We welcome Étaín Ní Churraoin, a member of the Diocesan Eucharistic Adoration Committee, who will speak at all Masses this weekend about the importance and need for Eucharistic Adoration in our parish. Would you be willing to consider committing to an hour of Adoration each week? Even begin with a quarter of an hour or half an hour on Tuesday in Rathwire or Wednesday in Raharney every week There will be an opportunity to discuss this and enrol your name after all Masses this weekend. It is an opportunity to deepen your prayer life and time devoted to meditation with God. *'Come away with me and pray a while'* was the request Jesus so often made to his disciples and now to you!

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** in St. Joseph's Tuesdays. 1pm-9pm. & St. Brigid's Wednesday. 6pm-10pm:  
*Special Diocesan intention of prayer for vocations and the family*

**COMMUNITY NOTES**

**Healing Mass** at The Camillian's on Thursday at 8pm, all are welcome. **Camillian Pilgrimage 2019** Following in the footsteps of the great saints, St. Pio & St. Camillus; visiting San Giovanni, Alba Adriatica & Rome. Departing 26<sup>th</sup> September for seven nights. Spiritual Director will be Fr. Frank Monks MI. For full itinerary contact Mary Briody on 087-6336513 **Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 9-14 September 2019**. Bookings can be made with Pilgrimage Abroad Ltd, Lower Baggot St, Dublin 2. Tel 01-6359300. email: info@pilgrimagesabroad.ie

**LENT 2019** As we continue our Lent, our sacred time of 'operation transformation' try to set aside an extra bit of time for daily prayer. Maybe set up a sacred space/altar in your home with the Bible at the centre and use the Trocaire Box as a visible reminder of how fortunate we are and of what we can share with those whose needs are greater. And of course we are called to give up some favourite foods/sweets or even T.V., iPad or Facebook time as a way of fasting for Lent! With so much talk of going vegan remember that as Catholics we are asked to abstain from meat every Friday and if possible, every Wednesday so perhaps you might also consider keeping this practice for Lent!

**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2019**

*"For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God" (Rm 8: 19)*

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Each year, through Mother Church, God "gives us this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed... as we recall the great events that gave us new life in Christ" (Preface of Lent I). This mystery of salvation, already at work in us during our earthly lives, is a dynamic process that also embraces history and all of creation. As Saint Paul says, "the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God" (Rom 8:19). In this perspective, I would like to offer a few reflections to accompany our journey of conversion this coming Lent.

Indeed, when we fail to live as children of God, we often behave in a destructive way towards our neighbours and other creatures – and ourselves as well – since we begin to think more or less consciously that we can use them as we will. Intemperance then takes the upper hand: we start to live a life that exceeds those limits imposed by our human condition and nature itself. We yield to those untrammelled desires that the Book of Wisdom sees as typical of the ungodly, those who act without thought for God or hope for the future (cf. 2:1-11). Unless we tend constantly towards Easter, towards the horizon of the Resurrection, the mentality expressed in the slogans "I want it all and I want it now!" and "Too much is never enough", gains the upper hand.

The root of all evil, as we know, is sin, which from its first appearance has disrupted our communion with God, with others and with creation itself, to which we are linked in a particular way by our body. This rupture of communion with God likewise undermines our harmonious relationship with the environment in which we are called to live, so that the garden has become a wilderness (cf. Gen 3:17-18). Sin leads man to consider himself the god of creation, to see himself as its absolute master and to use it, not for the purpose willed by the Creator but for his own interests, to the detriment of other creatures.

Once God's law, the law of love, is forsaken, then the law of the strong over the weak takes over. The sin that lurks in the human heart (cf. Mk 7:20-23) takes the shape of greed and unbridled pursuit of comfort, lack of concern for the good of others and even of oneself. It leads to the exploitation of creation, both persons and the environment, due to that insatiable covetousness which sees every desire as a right and sooner or later destroys all those in its grip.

All creation is called, with us, to go forth "from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God" (Rom 8:21). Lent is a sacramental sign of this conversion. It invites Christians to embody the paschal mystery more deeply and concretely in their personal, family and social lives, above all by fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

Fasting, that is, learning to change our attitude towards others and all of creation, turning away from the temptation to "devour" everything to satisfy our voracity and being ready to suffer for love, which can fill the emptiness of our hearts. Prayer, which teaches us to abandon idolatry and the self-sufficiency of our ego, and to acknowledge our need of the Lord and his mercy. Almsgiving, whereby we escape from the insanity of hoarding everything for ourselves in the illusory belief that we can secure a future that does not belong to us. And thus to rediscover the joy of God's plan for creation and for each of us, which is to love him, our brothers and sisters, and the entire world, and to find in this love our true happiness.

Dear brothers and sisters, the "lenten" period of forty days spent by the Son of God in the desert of creation had the goal of making it once more that garden of communion with God that it was before original sin (cf. Mk 1:12-13; Is 51:3). May our Lent this year be a journey along that same path, bringing the hope of Christ also to creation, so that it may be "set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God" (Rom 8:21). Let us not allow this season of grace to pass in vain! Let us ask God to help us set out on a path of true conversion. Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption, and turn to Jesus' Pasch. Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them. In this way, by concretely welcoming Christ's victory over sin and death into our lives, we will also radiate its transforming power to all of creation.

**PILGRIMAGE TO KRAKOW & CZESTOCHOWA 16<sup>TH</sup> – 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2019.**



Join with Fr. Mark on pilgrimage to the City of Divine Mercy & Pope St. John Paul II. As pilgrims we will also journey to the national Marian Shrine of Poland, Our Lady the Black Madonna. Our days will include sightseeing tour of Krakow, the Wieliczka Saltmines, Wadowice, the Auschwitz-Birkenau Museum with option to visit the concentration camps and the cell of St. Maximillian Kolbe. There will be daily Mass and plenty of opportunity for personal leisure time around Krakow and Czestochowa. Cost €930 per person sharing (single supplement €200) includes return flights Dublin/Krakow; 5 nights hotels with dinner, bed & breakfast; All coach tours & transfers; Admission charges to places on itinerary; Services of Marian Pilgrimages guide throughout; Airport & local taxes; Comprehensive pilgrim travel insurance up to 85 years. 10 kilo hand luggage. Booking Forms available in both church sacristies. **For further information and booking contact Marian Pilgrimages tel: 01-8788159; email: info@marian.ie**

