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**MASS INTENTIONS:**

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

**Saturday 6pm** John & Delia Dowd; Joseph McDonagh

**Sunday 11.30am** Ray Whelan MM; Christopher & Nathan Monaghan; William, Peg & Seamus Leech

**Wednesday 9am** Parish List of the Dead

**Friday 9am** Parish List of the Dead

**Saturday 10am Anniversaries Occurring**

**Sunday 11:30am** Christy Doyle 1<sup>st</sup> Ann.; Eddie & May Dowdall; Janie Carley & dec. family.

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

**Sunday 10am** Noel Farrelly 1<sup>st</sup> Ann

**Tuesday 9am** Parish List of the Dead

**Thursday 9am** Parish List of the Dead

**Saturday 6pm** Tom Bray

**Sunday 10am** Jack Farrelly; Margaret & James Davitt

**FIRST FRIDAY COMMUNION**

**CALLS:**

This Saturday Fr. Mark will call to parishioners who are sick and housebound.

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

**MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: ST. JOSEPH'S €535.00 ST. BRIGID'S €155.00**  
**PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes): €563.55**

**THROUGH BAPTISM WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY:**  
Molly Agnes Sullivan, Sadie Millie McCarthy & Darragh James Morley

**INTO YOUR HANDS O LORD, WE COMMEND:** Maeve Brennan, Mullingar

**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:** 6pm Douglas Hynes, Margaret Farrelly & Sean Coyne 10am. Declan Weir, Noel & Marie Greville. *Ministers of the Word:* 6pm Lily Connaughton 10am. Roisin Mockler.

**ST. JOSEPH'S Ministers of Holy Communion:** 11:30am. Rose Mullen, Anne Maher & Marie Leavy.

*Minister of the Word:* 11.30. Marguerite McGauran

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**CATHEDRAL SHOP MULLINGAR** Children's Advent calendars 2018 and lots more is available. You can also buy candles to make your own family advent wreath to have in your home. Bring these candles to Mass next week and have them blessed as Fr. Mark blesses and lights the Parish Advent Wreaths.



**ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING:** On the First Saturday of the Month deceased loved ones whose anniversaries are occurring will be remembered at the 10 a.m. Mass. This is a means to facilitate the remembrance of loved ones by name, which isn't always possible at the particular weekend of their anniversary due to the Sunday Mass intentions already booked up. Family members are invited to light a candle of memory to be presented during the Mass. Please contact the Parish Office at least a week beforehand so as names and candles can be prepared.



**A WORD FROM BISHOP TOM**

As we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, the Titular Feast of our Cathedral please join us for Evening Prayer and Benediction in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar today Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 5pm. It would be great if you and family or friends could take the time to be with us to make the occasion of this special Solemnity.

**ADVENT BEGINS NEXT WEEK** IN PREPARATION WE INVITE OUR CHILDREN IN THE PARISH TO LEARN MORE ABOUT - **THE STORY OF THE JESSE TREE**

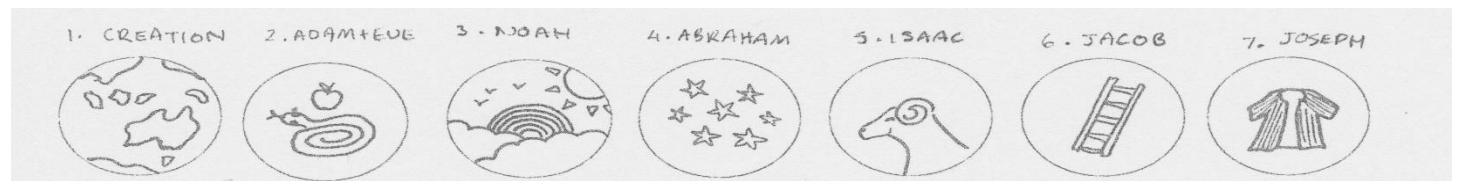
Jesse was the father of the great King David of the Old Testament. He is often looked upon as the first person in the genealogy of Jesus. In Church art a design developed showing the relationship of Jesus with Jesse and other biblical personages. This design showed a branched tree growing from a reclining figure of Jesse. The various branches had pictures of other Old and New Testament figures who were ancestors of Jesus. At the top of the tree were figures of Mary and Jesus. This design was used mostly in stained glass windows in some of the great medieval cathedrals of Europe. The Cathedral of Chartres, France (which was dedicated in 1260) has a particularly beautiful Jesse Tree window. Another development in religious art during the Middle Ages was that of Mystery Plays—drama that depicted various Bible stories or lives of Saints and Martyrs. These plays were performed in churches as part of the liturgical celebrations. One such play was based on the Bible account of the fall of Adam and Eve. The "Tree of Life" used during the play was decorated with apples. Combining the two ideas of the stained glass Jesse Tree window and the Tree of Life from the Mystery Play we come up with our Jesse Tree Advent project. This custom has been used for years to help Christians to prepare for Christmas. It's the Family Tree of our Faith!

**Please help decorate our parish JESSE TREES**

To make the Jesse Tree ornaments you will need: glue; ribbon or yarn (preferably purple); and crayons, markers, paints or coloured pencils, and cardboard stock to create paper background for the ornaments. The symbols may be decorated with bits and pieces of bright coloured paper, cloth, wood, etc., that you may find around your home. You will also need a Bible. If there are very small children in the family, a Bible picture story book will help them understand the Bible stories used. We will use the Tree of Memory in the churches and turn it into our Jesse Tree. Before making a symbol first read with your parents or grandparents the Bible verses relating to the symbol. This will help you think of ways to illustrate your Bible verse. Use lots of creativity in making your symbol! You can use pictures from magazines or old cards. Or draw pictures or symbols yourself. Colour them with crayons, pencils, markers or paint. Look around the house for bits and pieces that will make your design more beautiful!

**JESSE TREE Bible verses and suggested symbols**

**Advent Week 1 Creation:** Gen. 1:1-31; 2:1-4 *Symbols: sun, moon, stars, earth* **Adam and Eve:** Gen. 2:7-9, 18-24 Gen. 3:1-7 and 23-24 *Symbols: tree, serpent, apple* **Noah:** Gen. 6:5-8, 13-22; 7:17, 23, 24; 8:1, 6-22 *Symbols: ark, animals, dove, rainbow* **Abraham:** Gen. 12:1-3 *Symbols: torch, sword, mountain* **Isaac:** Gen. 22:1-14 *Symbols: bundle of wood, altar, ram.* **Jacob:** Gen. 25:1-34; 28:10-15 *Symbols: kettle, ladder* **Joseph:** Gen. 37:23-28; 45:3-15 *Symbols: bucket, well, silver coins, coat of many colours*



**Bring your symbols to Mass next week and Fr. Mark will invite you to hang them on the Jesse Tree.**

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**COMMUNITY NOTES**

**St. Patrick's N.S. Edmonton** annual indoor Christmas Market in Killucan GAA Hall next Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 12noon - 4pm. showcasing a large selection of handmade crafts, decorations & baking; the school choir will also give a performance. Your support would be hugely appreciated. **Venerable Matt Talbot Novena** for all those affected by addiction, will be held with Mass in Rochfortbridge Parish Church this Wednesday 28th of November at 7:30 pm. All welcome. **Healing Mass** this Thursday evening at 8pm in the Camillians. **Killucan Apostolic Society Annual Bingo** in Rathwire Hall on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm. Your support would be most welcome.