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**MASS INTENTIONS:**

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

**Trinity Sunday 11:30am** Christopher & Doreen Smyth; Celena & William Kane

**Sunday Corpus Christi 12noon in St. Joseph's Cemetery**

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

**Saturday 6pm** Missa pro populo

**Trinity Sunday 10am** Joe and Vera Mulvaney

**Saturday 6pm** For all buried in our parish cemeteries

**Sunday 10am Corpus Christi** For all buried in our parish cemeteries

*Mass during the week 10:30am with the Camillians*

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

**The Grotto to Our Lady** in Raharney is fifty years enshrined on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Parishioners are invited to gather at the Grotto at 5:45pm next Saturday for the Angelus and walk in procession for Mass. All First Holy Communion children please dress up and join with us. Thanks



**MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: ST. JOSEPH'S € 320.00 ST. BRIGID'S €100.00**  
**PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (weekly envelopes): €866.22**

**CHY3 TAX REBATE FORMS** Thanks a million to those who have already sent back the forms and it would be a great assistance to have all the forms returned as soon as possible.



**RIP**

Sandra Roche Raharney;  
Christina Dunne, Killucan



**Adoration**  
of the  
Blessed Sacrament

In St. Joseph's Tuesday 1pm-9pm.  
& St. Brigid's Wed. 6pm-10pm:  
*Special Diocesan intention of prayer  
for vocations and the family.*

**TO ASSIST NEXT WEEK**

**All kindly check in at the sacristy before Mass**

**ST. BRIGID'S Ministers of Holy Communion:** 6pm. Michael Carey, Phil Tiffit & Mary Leech. 10am. Molly Doyle, Clifford Naughton, Paul O'Looney. **Ministers of the Word:** 6pm. Lily Connaughton. 10am. Sally Coyne.

**12NOON ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY**

Ministers of Holy Communion please make yourselves available to Fr. Mark at the altar 15minutes beforehand  
*(The assistance of 7 will be required, thanks)*

**CEMETERY SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2019**

St. Joseph's Cemetery, Rathwire 12noon Mass

Kilcolumb Graveyard Devotions following the 10am Mass, Raharney

**SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE**

Killpatrick Graveyard Devotions 7pm, Corbally Graveyard Devotions 7:30pm

Knockmant Graveyard 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2019



**Dad** He never looks for praises, he's never one to boast, he just goes on quietly working for those he loves the most. His dreams are seldom spoken, his wants are very few. And most of the time his worries will go unspoken too. He's there...A firm foundation through all our storms of life. A sturdy hand to hold in times of stress and strife. A true friend we can turn to when times are good or bad. One of our greatest blessings the man that we call Dad.

A God who is love

The very first truth I would tell each of you is this: "God loves you". It makes no difference whether you have already heard it or not. I want to remind you of it. God loves you. Never doubt this, whatever may happen to you in life. At every moment, you are infinitely loved. Perhaps your experience of fatherhood has not been the best. Your earthly father may have been distant or absent, or harsh and domineering. Or maybe he was just not the father you needed. I don't know. But what I can tell you, with absolute certainty, is that you can find security in the embrace of your heavenly Father, of the God who first gave you life and continues to give it to you at every moment. He will be your firm support, but you will also realize that he fully respects your freedom. In God's word, we find many expressions of his love. It is as if he tried to find different ways of showing that love, so that, with one of them at least, he could touch your heart. For example, there are times when God speaks of himself as an affectionate father who plays with his children: "I led them with cords of compassion, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks" (Hos 11:4). At other times, he speaks of himself as filled with the love of a mother whose visceral love for her children makes it impossible for her to neglect or abandon them: "Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you" (Is 49:15). He even compares himself to a lover who goes so far as to write his beloved on the palm of his hands, to keep her face always before him: "See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands!" (Is 49:6). At other times, he emphasizes the strength and steadfastness of his invincible love: "For the mountains may depart, and the hills be shaken, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be shaken" (Is 54:10). Or he tells us that we have been awaited from eternity, for it was not by chance that we came into this world: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you" (Jer 31:3). Or he lets us know that he sees in us a beauty that no one else can see: "For you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you" (Is 43:4). Or he makes us realize that his love is not cheerless, but pure joy, welling up whenever we allow ourselves to be loved by him: "The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory. He will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing" (Zeph 3:17). For him, you have worth; you are not insignificant. You are important to him, for you are the work of his hands. That is why he is concerned about you and looks to you with affection. "Trust the memory of God: his memory is not a 'hard disk' that 'saves' and 'archives' all our data. His memory is a heart filled with tender compassion, one that finds joy in 'deleting' from us every trace of evil". He does not keep track of your failings and he always helps you learn something even from your mistakes. Because he loves you. Try to keep still for a moment and let yourself feel his love. Try to silence all the noise within, and rest for a second in his loving embrace. His is "a love that does not overwhelm or oppress, cast aside or reduce to silence, humiliate or domineer. It is the love of the Lord, a daily, discreet and respectful love; a love that is free and freeing, a love that heals and raises up. The love of the Lord has to do more with raising up than knocking down, with reconciling than forbidding, with offering new changes than condemning, with the future than the past". When he asks something of you, or simply makes you face life's challenges, he is hoping that you will make room for him to push you, to help you grow. He does not get upset if you share your questions with him. He is concerned when you don't talk to him, when you are not open to dialogue with him. The Bible tells us that Jacob fought with God (cf. Gen 32:25-31), but that did not keep him from persevering in his journey. The Lord himself urges us: "Come, let us argue it out" (Is 1:18). His love is so real, so true, so concrete, that it invites us to a relationship of openness and fruitful dialogue. Seek the closeness of our heavenly Father in the loving face of his courageous witnesses on earth!

**CHRISTUS VIVIT – CHRIST IS ALIVE!**

Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis to Young People and to the entire People of God



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

As we travel on pilgrimage be assured of your intentions being remembered at the Shrine of Divine Mercy. We seek too the intercession of St. Pope John Paul and will pray at the Polish National Shrine of Our Lady the Black Madonna at Czestochowa.



July 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Join with Fr. Mark on the traditional three day pilgrimage to Lough Derg! You are invited to walk in the spiritual foot-steps of your ancestors and be part of the unbroken link of Lough Derg as a place of continuous prayer for over 50 generations (1500 years). If interested contacted 044-9374818.

**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

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