



+ NEWSLETTER MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>. EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S  
RESURRECTION.  
A PARISH OF THE MULLINGAR DEANERY

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

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>. 11.30am. Paddy Cooney.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>, 11.30am. David & Mary O'Brien & dec.d members of O'Brien & Flynn families.

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

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>, 6pm. Mattie Joe Greville MM. John, Jenny & Stephen McManus. George and Ethel Eagles.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>, 10am. Olive Hill, Boston and late of Thomastown. Barney, Lil, Ber, Pat & Doreen Murtagh.

**Weekday Masses;** Raharney Tues and Thurs 9am. Rathwire Wed & Fri. 9am.

**MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: €546**  
**PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND €610**

RIP: James Coyne. Funeral on Monday at  
11am in Raharney.

Adoration  
of the  
Blessed Sacrament



**In St. Joseph's Tuesday 1pm-9pm.**  
**& St. Brigid's Wed. 5pm-10pm:**  
*Special Diocesan intention of prayer  
for vocations and the family.*  
**Take one Hour with the Lord**

**Divine Mercy Sunday;** 7th, April. devotions in Castle Jordan Church at 3pm.

**PTAA:** National Ball on Sat 6<sup>th</sup> April in Mullingar. 6pm Mass in the Cathedral followed by dinner in the Annebrook Hotel. Info and tickets Daisy 0876544626/Peter 0857201646.

**National Eucharistic Adoration:** pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April. Buses from the area travelling. Booking can be made with Kathleen 0861061748.

**Adoration Meeting:** in the Third Place on Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. All welcome.

**Trocaire Donations:** may be handed in at this time.

Francis has never ceased to express his closeness to all those affected by the conflict in the Holy Land ..

The pilgrimage to Jerusalem has a history as ancient as Christianity itself, and not only for Catholics. This is made possible even today by the generous work of the Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land and the Eastern Churches present there. They maintain and animate the holy sites, a living memory of Jesus' steps and actions, a visible testimony of the God who made Himself flesh and blood to save us, mud animated by the breath of His Spirit. Thanks to their dedicated work in those places, we continue to pray unceasingly for the whole world.

And do you know why? Because, apart from the custody of the Holy Places that saw Jesus, there are still Christians living and operating in the Holy Land, amid many tragedies and difficulties often caused by the selfishness of the powerful of the world. Over the centuries many died as martyrs so as not to see their Christian roots cut off. Their Churches are an integral part of the history and culture of the East.

But today, many of them cannot take it anymore, and abandon the places where their fathers and mothers prayed and witnessed the Gospel. They leave everything and flee because they see no hope. And ravenous wolves divide their spoils.

The Christians of Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, and many other lands turn to us and ask, "Help us to spread the sweet aroma of Christ" (2 Corinthians 2:15) again in the East.

I address you so that their cry does not go unheard and that the Holy Father can support the local Churches in finding new ways, opportunities for housing, work, and educational and professional training, so that they may remain and not get lost in the West, a world they don't know, which is so different from their feelings and their way of witnessing their faith. If they leave, if they leave their small businesses serving pilgrims who no longer come to Jerusalem and Palestine, the East will lose part of its soul, perhaps forever.

Make them feel the solidarity of the Church!

