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Office hours: Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9.30am-5.30pm (lunch hour 12.30pm-1.30pm), Thursdays 9am-1pm

Sunday Masses: 8.45 at Airport Oratory 9am, 11am at Mary Immaculate Church 10am, 12.15pm at SS John & Paul Church

Weekday Masses: 9.30am at Mary Immaculate 10am at Skycourt Adoration Chapel 7pm at SS John & Paul Saturday 12 noon at Mary Immaculate, 6.30pm at SS John & Paul

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LIVE STREAMING FROM SS JOHN & PAUL CHURCH

4th Sunday of Lent

11th March 2018 – Mother’s Day

Last Sunday’s Offerings: €2,535

We acknowledge two contributions of €310 & €400 to support sick pilgrims travelling to Lourdes.

We acknowledge €300 for Goradiche Orphanage.

We extend our Prayers and Sympathy:

To the families of: Niamh Meaney Hilton, 61 Aidan Park, who was buried on Wednesday. Frank Kenny, 66 Rossbracken, buried on Thursday. To Maisie O’Brien, Carrigerry, on the death of her sister Joan Cronin, Ballyunion, buried on Tuesday. To Peter O’Neill, Clarin Glas, on the death of his sister, Mary McConville, Loughgall, Co. Armagh. To Michael & Patsy Collins, Derrick & Sharon, Hurler’s Cross and Killian Park on the death of their son & brother Ronan, Malahide, Dublin who died on Wednesday.

Months Mind Masses

Wednesday at 7pm for Natalie Penny (Eustace), Hampshire, England & 16 Tullyglass Hill. Saturday next (St. Patrick’s Day) at 6.30pm for Peggy O’Connell, Carrig Hill, (re-scheduled).



St. Patrick’s Day – Lá Féile Pádraig

Saturday next 17th March is the feast of our National Apostle St. Patrick and is a Holyday of obligation. The Vigil Mass will be celebrated on

Friday evening at 6.30pm in SS John & Paul Church and on Saturday Mass times are as follows:

8.45 – Airport Oratory,

10am & 12.15pm SS John & Paul Church,

9am & 11am – Mary Immaculate Church.

The Clare 22nd Infantry Batt. Association will preside at the blessing of the shamrock in The Jubilee Garden of SS John & Paul Church prior to 10am Mass. The 12.15pm Mass will be bi-lingual. The normal Saturday vigil Mass at 6.30pm in SS John & Paul Church will take place as normal. St. Patrick’s Day Parade will start at 1.30pm.

First Confessions: The children from St. Conaire’s School will celebrate the sacrament on Thursday at 7.45pm in SS John & Paul Church.

Education Fund: The second collection at all Masses on St. Patrick’s Day, including the vigil Mass on Friday evening, is our annual appeal to help educate our students currently studying for our Diocese. One man, Martin Shanahan from Quilty, will be ordained a Priest on 3rd June next. Recently, 4 other men from our Diocese took part in a Discernment weekend, as they make decisions about commencing their studies. Please keep all of them in your prayers and this collection is to support their formation to ensure Priests will be available to us in the coming years.



60th Birthday: Pat Fitzgerald, 15 O’Brien Park will celebrate his 60th Birthday on St. Patrick’s Day. We wish Pat a very happy birthday!

Faith Friends: The final session of this year’s Faith Friends for Confirmation candidates will take place on Tuesday in our Schools.

Trócaire: Please, don’t give up on Kumba during Lent. Your Trócaire contributions do make a difference!

Pope Francis: Tuesday 13th March is the 5th anniversary of the election of Pope Francis. Please remember him in your prayers.

Bereavement Committee Meeting: Monday evening at 7.30pm in Cuan na nOg, SS John & Paul Church.

Apostolic Meeting this Monday evening at 7.30pm in No. 9 Purcell Park.

TIME FOR A NEW CHALLENGE? Volunteer as a Facilitator with ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service. If you feel that you have something to offer to couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage and you are willing to give up some voluntary time to train in this area then we, in the ACCORD Nenagh Centre, would be delighted to hear from you. Certificate in Marriage Education accredited by Pontifical University, Maynooth. For details please contact accordnenagh@gmail.com or ring mobile 085-2358384 before Thursday 29th March, 2018

Gaeilge – During the month of March, we are embracing the Irish language in our liturgies. This week, we publish the Our father in Irish and the greeting “The Lord be with you” “Go raibh an Tiarna libh” “And with your spirit” “Agus le do spiorad féin”.

An Phaidir (Our Father)

Ár nAthair atá ar neamh, go naofar d’ainm go dtaga do ríocht, go ndéantar do thoil ar an talamh mar a dhéantar ar neamh. Ár n-arán laethúil tabhair dúinn inniu agus maith dúinn ár bhfiacha mar a mhaithimidne dár bhféichiúna féin agus ná lig sinn i gcathú, ach sar sinn ó olc. Amen.

Mother, I Remember



When I enter the house and the loudness of the TV shocks my senses, and irritation surges through me ... I remember those times, Mother, when I was a teenager and you gracefully put up with my habit of playing the radio and stereo at full volume. When it hurts me to see you fumble to open a milk carton with your arthritic fingers ... I remember those same fingers patiently untying a knot in my shoe lace, or untangling bubble gum from my hair.

When I see how your eyes have grown dim with age ... I remember how those eyes would twinkle with delight at my smallest accomplishments. When you talk on and on about things and people who are no longer a part of my life ... I remember your patience when I would ask your endless questions, and how you responded to each one. When you walk so slowly that I grow impatient ... I remember the walks we would take around the neighbourhood when you would adjust your steps to my small feet. When my heart skips a beat as you stumble and I quickly reach out to help you ... I remember how you walked by my side ready to catch me if I fell, as I clumsily learned to ride my bike.

When you jump to conclusions and it drives me wild ... I remember how gently you dealt with my growing pains when I was an adolescent.

When you fall asleep in the middle of the day and sometimes snore ... I remember how you would carry me off to bed after I dropped off to sleep in the most unlikely places. When you seem a million miles away – lost in your own little world ... I remember best of all when I would snuggle close to you and feel your reassuring arms around me and felt the love of a wonderful and special mother.