#### **Weekend Masses**

St. Mary's: 6:00pm Saturday 8:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm Sunday

St. Oliver's: 7:00pm Saturday 10:00am, 12:00noon Sunday

Our Lady's Hospital: 9:00am Sunday

St. Anne's: 8.00am Monday - Friday St. Oliver's: 9:15am Monday - Friday St. Mary's: 10:00am Monday - Saturday

Today's **Solemnity of Pentecost** celebrates the birthday of the Church when God's Holy Spirit who had been promised by Jesus empowered the apostles to proclaim the wonders of God from Jerusalem to the world.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Congratulations to the young parishioners who were confirmed by Bishop Smith on Saturday 19 May. Pope Francis frequently asks pilgrims in Rome to discover and to celebrate their anniversary of baptism and their anniversary of confirmation. These once-in-a-lifetime moments can be renewed by praying to God's Holy Spirit.

Our parish novena to Mother Teresa began last Thursday and will continue at all Masses until Referendum Day. We invite parishioners to share this prayer text with all who are working to promote a culture of life and a civilisation of care in our society.

## "A Truly Compassionate Society Values All Life"

Bishop Smith's statement on the forthcoming referendum is available on the parish website and Facebook page. www.chooselife2018.ie offers pro-life material and resources to encourage discussion in families on the value of every human life. We encourage you to use and share the content to promote a culture of life and a civilisation of love. Choose Life!

Meath for Life will be speaking at parish Masses this weekend.

### FIRST COMMUNION IN OUR PARISH

St. Mary's Church

Sat next 10:00am Scoil Mhuire

12noon St. Anne's School

St. Oliver's Church

Sat next 10.00am Scoil Naomh Eoin

Louise at Joe Walsh Tours 01-2410800.

Parish Pilgrimage to Poland, in the footsteps of St. Faustina and Pope St. John Paul II, 1st - 6th October, led jointly by Fr. Janusz Ługowski and Fr. Declan Hurley. €750 per person sharing, half-board. Contact the Parish Office for further information. For bookings, contact

> **BAPTISED INTO OUR PARISH FAMILY** Harry Patrick Saul; Adam Dzemyda

MAY THE LIGHT OF HEAVEN SHINE ON THEM

**Geraldine Lynch, nee McGuiness**, St. Brigid's Villas Joe Byrne, Abbey Crescent Jim Ferry, Milford, Co Donegal Tony Carpenter, New Zealand & Annagassan, Co Louth



#### **Parish Office & Contact Details**

Monday: 11am-1pm & 2pm-5pm Tuesday-Friday: 9am-1pm; 2pm-5pm

Telephone: **046-9027518** Email: office@navanparish.ie

Webcam: www.navanparish.ie/webcam





Priest on Duty: Fr Kevin Heerv Funeral Duty: Fr Louis Illah

## **CEMETERY DEVOTIONS 2018**

Please share the following dates with your relations and friends in other parishes. St Finian's Wed 27 June, 7:30pm Cannistown Fri 29 June, 7:30pm

Our Lady's Hospital

Sun 8 July, after 9.00am Mass

St Mary's Cemetery Sun 1 July, 3:00pm

Donaghmore Tues 3 July, 7:30pm Old Athlumney Wed 4 July, 7:30pm Dunmoe Thurs 5 July, 7:30pm

### HYMN OF THE DAY

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us .../

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on all ...

Rosary every day in St. Mary's Church at 6:30pm.

**ACCORD:** Catholic Marriage Care Service is recruiting for Certificate in Counselling for the academic year 2018/2019. For info see www.accord.ie or tel 9023146 Counsellors are available if you are experiencing difficulty in your marriage. Details of morning and afternoon counselling sessions available from 046-9023146.



The Icon of the Holy Family will be arriving in Navan on Tuesday 26 June for three days. The Parish Pastoral Council is WSRLD MEETING currently working to prepare ceremonies for primary schools, families and for

visitors from surrounding parishes on this occasion. Details of ceremonies and ticketing will be added to www.dioceseofmeath.ie/wmof2018 in the coming weeks.

This webpage allows parishioners across our diocese to follow preparations for the Congress in the RDS, in Croke Park and the Mass in the Phoenix Park as information is made available to the Meath diocesan committee. We encourage you to subscribe for weekly updates.

We invite parishioners and families to contact our parish WMOF office on Tues, Wed & Thurs 9:30am -12:30pm in order to book seats on one of the coaches which will be travelling daily from Navan.

Parish Shop: We have the best selection in town of First Holy Communion & Confirmation cards, beads, missals, pins and gifts. Our beautiful range of baptism and wedding candles or slates can be personalized. All enquiries welcome.



# "Vote for Life": a comment by Bishop Michael Smith



Sunday;

With less than a week to go to the referendum, there remains a lot of confusion among the electorate about what the proposal entails. We are not voting on a solution to the complex cases that have touched the hearts and minds of many people.

We are voting on whether to take away the only legal protection in the Constitution for all unborn children - healthy babies in the womb as well as babies who may have a lifelimiting disability.

Our faith requires us to be compassionate but let me be clear – there is no semblance of compassion involved in ending the life of any child in the womb.

I urge you to cast your vote for a society that cherishes the equal right to life of every person. You can do this by voting NO on Friday.

# MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE SEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday: St. Oliver's 7:00pm Harry Kiernan, Proudstown Road (First Anniversary)
Sunday: St. Oliver's 10:00am Una McKenna, Belcourt Estate (First Anniversary)

St. Mary's 11:00am Joe Bray, Liscarton (Month's Mind)

St. Oliver's 12noon
St. Mary's 1:00pm
Anne Kennedy, Emmet Terrace (Month's Mind)
Una Hosie, St. Finian's Terrace (First Anniversary)

**Saturday:** St. Mary's 10:00am Anniversaries occurring: Felix Kearney - Rosie Lowen - Jimmy McKenna - Jane Clarke - Rose Naughton (2) - Joseph & Gertrude Lawlor - Nell Cantwell - Jack Nelson - Christina Carbery - Bridie Stapleton - Joe Flanagan - Eileen & Larry McEntaggart - Martin Favin - Peggy McLoughlin - Vincent Keating Snr - Jimmy Ratty - Thomas & Teresa Cole - Anthony Rogers - Michael Alexander - Benny Kane - James Flood - Gerald Carolan

St. Mary's 6:00pmBrigid Healy, Balreask Old (Month's Mind)St. Oliver's 7:00pmRay Ward, Donaghmore (First Anniversary)St. Mary's 11:00amGus Callaghan, Belcourt Estate (Month's Mind)

St. Mary's 1:00pm John Lally, Kells Road (First Anniversary)
St. Anne's 2:00pm African Catholics' Community Mass

**Masses requested:** Paddy Phillips - Tony Carbery & McKenna fam - Anthony & Gertie Rennicks - Thomas, Mary, Bridget & Margaret Moyles & Alfie Nelson - Patrick, Teresa & Ann Ratty - Jim Ferry-

Many thanks to Parishioners who contributed to last Sunday's Collections Offertory: (plate collection) €3,881 Development Fund: (envelopes) €2,680 Family Envelope Boxes are available in the Parish Office

### **OUR PARISH SHOP IS NOW OPEN DURING LUNCHTIME**

# COMMUNITY& LOCAL AREA NOTICES

Parish Bingo Monday Community Centre 8:45pm Snowball: €2,500. €650 if not won. €75 per line. Panel prizes €150 & €280. Up to €100 lucky no.

O'Mahony's GFC Bingo Tues 8:45. Simonstown Bingo Thurs 8:45. Special celebration on **Pentecost** Sunday evening in St. Oliver's Church 7:00-8:00pm. Novena -Rosary & Benediction. Theme: "That all may have Life". St. Joseph's Young Priests' **Society** Pilgrimage to Knock Sat 23 June. Bus leaves Fair Green 8.00am. Tel 046-9021259 **Drive in Bective/Cannistown** Bingo, Sat next 26 May, 7:30pm. Red Cross Friendship Club will take place on Sun next 27 May in the Parish Room from 3pm-5pm,

New Members are welcome.

**Navan Pioneer Association** 

invite parishioners who have received their Confirmation this year to become Young Pioneers. Forms are available in schools. Fill up a form (with consent of Parent or Guardian) and return to your school with €8 as soon as possible. Your certificate and pin will be delivered to your school.

**Mature Movers** exercise class for adults(50+) 14 May in Pitch & Putt Club. For info tel 046-9067337.

Navan Youth Club Musical Bingo in aid of Special Olympics in Navan Pitch & Putt Club on this Sun 20 May 4:30pm - 8:00pm

Free five week basic mobile device class in Claremont stadium starting Fri next 10:00am -12:00. Tel 046-9280790

**Meath Pilgrimage to Lourdes** 12-17 Sept. To travel as hospital

pilgrim, nurse/helper assisting with hospital pilgrims, email lourdessept2018@gmail.com or tel. 086-8770729. Pilgrim bookings with Pilgrimage Abroad /Lauri Duffy Travel 01-6359300 St Vincent de Paul free phone: 1800 677 777.

Africa Day 25 May in Meath County Council Offices, Buvinda House, Dublin Road from 3.30pm -7:00pm

Navan Theatre Group presents A Night o One Acts in Solstice Arts Centre on Fri & Sat next at 7:30pm. Tickets 15 from Solstice Arts Centre or 046-9092300 Arthritis Ireland 3 hour

workshop on how to manage pain in Newgrange Hotel on Thurs next 6:00pm - 9:00pm.

**Navan Tennis Open Day** this Sun from 3:00-6:00pm . All welcome