



# NEWSLETTER

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## ST. JOSEPH'S, RATHWIRE.

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>, 6pm. Mary, Michael, Tom, Martin & Brendan Smith.

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>, 11.30am. Joseph & Mary O'Reilly. Collin Rafferty. Massimo Lepri.

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>, 6pm. Annette (Nita) Carey. Kit & Nathan Monaghan. Kathleen & Patrick Leavy. Nuala Coughlan.

## ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>, 10am. Rose McKeogh.

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>, 10am. Noel Clyne.

**Weekday Masses;** Raharney & Thurs 9am. Rahtwire Wed & Fri 9am.

**MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: €454**  
**PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND €530**

Paddy Greene. Rathwire.

**Charity shop:** at Rathwire church opens  
Thurs & Fri 11am – 1pm.

Tues,

Today's liturgy affirms our faith that "the dead rise again" and our "God-given hope of being restored to life" after death. This faith and hope are founded in Jesus Christ, "the first-born from the dead," the source of our "eternal consolation and hope."

Our "God is not the God of the dead but of the living," and our religion is not a religion of death but of resurrection and life.

Faith in eternal life has energized Christians for centuries. It has also, unfortunately, caused some of them to neglect the immediate task at hand: the right ordering of the world in preparation for the coming of the kingdom.

Today's liturgy counteracts that tendency with a message of doing God's work on earth and giving our lives in service to all.

"The King of the world will raise us up to live again forever." In the meantime, there are the "burdens and challenges of life" which must be met head-on if we are to be "a kingdom of priests to serve our God and Father."

All too often Christians are faulted with a certain indifference toward earthly projects, as if one could not fully count on us for radical social reform. The charge may be unfair, but the danger is real enough.

Our hope in another life must not be allowed to seduce believers into neglecting our task in the present one.

U.S. Bishops,

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**



# Sunday Message

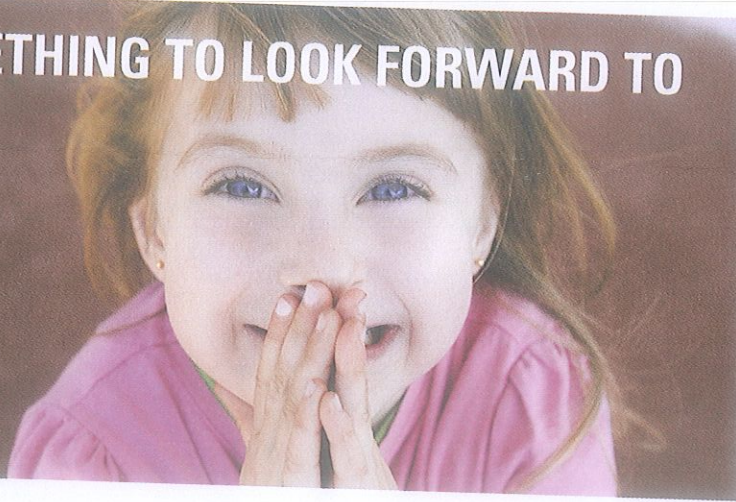
32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO

LUKE 20:27-38



The Sadducees are out to trap Jesus. They don't believe in the resurrection and want to ridicule Jesus as someone who does.

According to Jewish law, if a man died and left no son, the man's brother had an obligation to father a son for his dead brother's widow. So the Sadducees come up with an absurd case. Seven brothers marry the same woman, and each dies, leaving her childless. When she dies, whose wife will she be in heaven?

Jesus' answer shows up their insincerity. He says that in the next life, after the resurrection, all people will be in relationship with God. There will be no need to propagate the human species, nor will legal arrangements be important.

Jesus goes on to give his teaching about the resurrection. God is faithful to all people, even when they die. God makes a promise forever, and no force – not even death – can destroy it.

Every Sunday, we celebrate the extraordinary story of Easter. In doing so, we give thanks to the God whose faithful love is stronger than death. ■

## REFLECT

We love to have something to look forward to. Some people probably know that there are just 49 days left to Christmas. They're already counting them down, loving the build-up to it – the music, excitement, decorations, fun, and of course, the presents. We can hardly wait.

It's the same if a birthday or other big event is coming up. We may mark it on the calendar with an X or asterisk and wait impatiently for the day to arrive.

It's as if we always need something to look forward to. If you're in school, you look forward to the holidays or finishing with school. If you're in jail, you look forward to getting out. If you're sick, you look forward to getting better. If you're pregnant, you look forward to having the baby. If you're engaged, you look forward to the wedding. If you're working, you look forward to the holidays or weekend or retirement. If

you're at Mass, you look forward to having a short homily.

We are always looking forward. When one event happens, we turn to the next future expectation. As humans, it seems we need to have something to anticipate. It appears that the human heart is always restless, never wholly fulfilled.

Today's Gospel is about looking forward, about anticipation. The Sadducees were a group of Jews who did not believe in the afterlife. One day a group of them come to Jesus and ask him a question to trick him into agreeing with them that there is no resurrection. But Jesus is able to answer their question and reduce them to silence.

We know there are many people like the Sadducees around today who believe that when we breathe our last, that is it. That what we experience here and now is all there is. That when we die,

## LEARN

By his cross and resurrection, Jesus has destroyed death.

Belief in the afterlife is central to the Christian faith.

In baptism we are linked to the death of Christ, so we are linked too with his new life.

The resurrection of Jesus gives us hope even in the bleakest situations.

## DO

Visit someone you know who is recently bereaved, or write to them expressing your sympathy.

## SAY

In you, Lord, we live forever.  
I thank you for your promise  
to me of eternal life.

## DO

Write down the name of each person you have loved and lost, and pray for them with gratitude to God for their lives.

everything stops. They don't believe in the resurrection.

You could say they have nothing to look forward to beyond the here and now. But we Christians have something to look forward to.

We Christians are graced, blessed with something precious, a priceless knowledge. Because we believe that God raised Jesus from the dead. We believe that the resurrection of Christ means the death of death, so that when we die, we do not pass from life to death but rather from life to life. For us, death is not an exit to oblivion but the threshold to a new, transformed life with Christ in God forever.

I'm in no rush to get to heaven, but I do look forward to it. And I have it to look forward to. It's the exciting prospect awaiting all of us Christians, in which we can take joy, comfort and consolation. ■