



# NEWSLETTER

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## ST. JOSEPH'S, RATHWIRE.

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

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>, 11.30am. Noel Clyne.

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>, 6pm. Maisie Brilley MM.

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>, 11.30am. Sean Heffernan MM. Patty Keegan MM. Andrew, Ellen & Philesta McNally.

## ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>, 10am.

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

**MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: €620**  
**PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND €578**

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

**Memorial Mass** in on Fri 18<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in St.

Camillus church to remember all the deceased. All are welcome.

**Parish Mass of Remembrance;** to especially remember those from the parish who died during the last year, will take place on Sun 27<sup>th</sup> at 11.30am in Rathwire.

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**

Lily Ryan, Rathwire. Funeral Mon at 12pm in St. Camillus Church. Burial in Rathwire.

John Browne, died in England, late of Raharney. Funeral service on Sat in Raharney at 11am. Burial afterwards in Rathwire cemetery.

Tues,

Opening Session of the Diocesan Inquiry of

THE CAUSE OF THE BEATIFICATION AND CANONISATION OF THE SERVANT OF GOD, FATHER WILLIAM DOYLE SJ following Vespers for the Solemnity of Christ the King, at the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath, on Sunday 20th November 2022 at 5pm.

Father Doyle is renowned for his holiness and heroism and, though he died over a hundred years ago, his reputation for sanctity and intercessory power endures and devotion is stronger than ever throughout the world. A whole new generation is discovering him and he is winning the hearts of young Catholics who are impressed with his heroic spirit, his vibrant personality, and his intense spiritual life.

Father Willie's connection with our diocese is an important one. He entered the Jesuits at the college in Rahan in March 1891 and the two years he spent there were among the most formative in his life. It was there, in May 1893, he made the Oblation of his life, through the hands of Mary, to live a life of martyrdom even to the point of physical martyrdom. Not only did Willie remain faithful to that offering but his death on the battlefield as a 'martyr of charity' on 16 August 1917, as he was trying to save two wounded soldiers is seen by many as the consummation of that offering. The official website for his Canonisation offers details on his life, holiness, and sacrifice, see: [williedoyle.org](http://williedoyle.org).

# Sunday Message

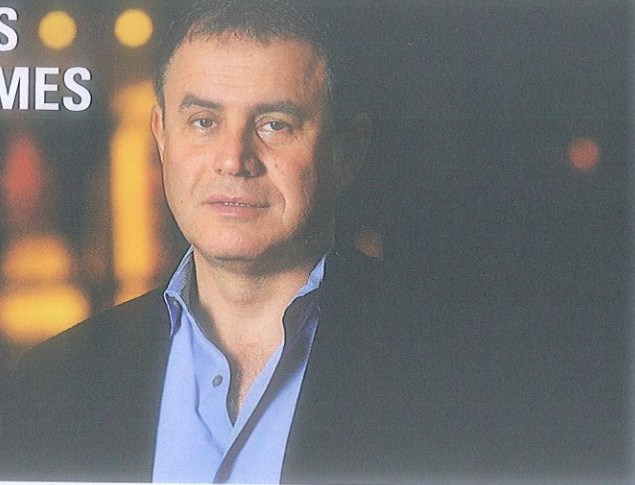
33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES

LUKE 21:5-19



Nouriel Roubini

It was *The New York Times* that labelled him Dr Doom in a 2008 profile that identified Nouriel Roubini as an unlikely hero of the global financial meltdown of that year.

In 2006, in an address to the IMF, he predicted that the US economy was at risk of a housing bust and deep recession that would have dire consequences for the entire world.

Others predicted it, too, but no one was as accurate as Roubini. He was ridiculed for it, but he was right. He read the signs of the times correctly.

In February 2008, he wrote a paper called '12 Steps To Financial Disaster', in which he described precisely how the crisis would unfold. "I said two major broker-dealers are going to go bust, and there won't be any major independent broker-dealer left in the next two years. It took seven months for Bear Stearns and Lehman to be gone. It's not a fuzzy case of me saying there would be a financial crisis. I was very specific.

"You look at history, you look at political data, you look at models, you look at comparisons," Roubini says. "There were tens of different signals that would eventually lead to a tipping point. The fact that there would be a crisis was totally obvious to me."

Nouriel Roubini was able to read the signs of the times. The signs were all there, but other economists and politicians either could not read them or didn't want to read them.

Today's Gospel is all about reading the signs of the times. We always read it at the end of the church's liturgical year.

Jesus describes the end times, when the Messiah will come in final judgement, and tells his disciples to be on the alert for it. He uses the fig tree as an image of how to read the signs of the times. Unlike most trees in Israel which are evergreen, the fig tree is not. It loses its leaves in autumn and only puts out new ones in late spring. When people see the new leaves, they know that summer isn't far off. In the same way, Jesus says, when people witness the dramatic events he describes in the Gospel, they will know the end times are close.

We need always to be on the alert, wide awake, ready. There are two aspects to reading the signs of the times. The first is to be attentive to what's going on in the world around us. The second is to be always prepared for when our end comes because we don't know when that will happen. Like Nouriel Roubini, we need to read the signs of the times. ■

### SAY

Lord, I thank you for the gift of faith. Help me to live the faith I profess. Amen.

### PRAY

It is not easy to witness to the Gospel in the increasingly secular world in which we live. Pray for yourself and your parish community for the strength to be faithful followers of Jesus.

### REFLECT

"Sign of the times" is a phrase strongly associated with Vatican II. It was taken to mean that the church should listen to and learn from the world around it. It should learn to read the "sign(s) of the times" and respond to them.

What signs of the times might we need to be attentive to today in our families, our country, our church? Perhaps there is a family member in distress whose plight we might not have noticed. What issues or trends might we need to see in our families?

In our country, there are so many people in distress, families struggling to make ends meet, mired in debt, whose credit is maxed out and who are dreading Christmas. How sensitive are we as a society to people in need and the demands of justice?

In our church, we also need to read the signs of the times. It's something Pope John XXIII did. He saw the need for reform in the church even when most others didn't. And so he called Vatican II. It's why Pope Francis has initiated the synodal process currently underway in the universal church.

What might the signs of the times be saying to our church today as priest numbers fall, as allegiance to the faith crumbles, and the church's influence wanes? How should we respond as the People of God?

Nouriel Roubini read the signs of the times correctly and was ridiculed for it. But he was proved right in the end.

As the people of God, we also must be equally attentive to the signs of the times and respond to them as best we can. ■

### LEARN

Christians witness to the faith at all times and in all places.

God is always faithful to his people.

The Christian is happy to suffer for the sake of the Kingdom.

### DO

Look at the world around you. How good are we at reading the signs of the times?