



NEWSLETTER

4 DEC 2022. SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT.

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ST. JOSEPH'S, RATHWIRE.

Sunday 4th, 11.30am. Paddy Greene MM. Christy Doyle. Betty Garty.

Sunday 11th, 11.30am. Chris Glennon. Jimmy Rooney. Paddy O'Connor & family. William Kane. Matthew Greville Snr & Bridget, Anna, Marie & Ethna. Clement Traynor. Christina, James & Paddy Gaynor. Anthony Snr, Pauline & Tony Cunningham. John, Mary & Tom Browne.

ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.

Saturday 3rd, 6pm. Michael & Annie Quinn & family. The Sheils family in Edmonton & New York.

Sunday 4th, 10am. Frank Farrell.

Saturday 10th, 6pm. Joe Mooney. Daniel & Kathleen Coffey. Sunday 11th, 10am. Arthur Swords.

Weekday Masses; Raharney Tues 9am. Rahtwire Wed & Fri 9am.

MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: €480
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND €448

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

Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Dec 8th. Mass for the Feast Day in Raharney at 7pm.

Raharney Book Launch: takes place in the Third Place on Sat 10th Dec after 6pm Mass. All are welcome.

Family Adoration hour: on Thurs 15th from 7 – 8pm in Raharney. Cup of tea afterwards in the third place.

Mullingar Choral Society will host their Christmas Concert in the Cathedral of Christ The King Mullingar, on the 4th December 2022 starting at 7pm.

Tickets are available from any choral member, The Cathedral Shop, or, at the door on the night.

St. Patrick's N.S., Edmonton will be holding their annual indoor Christmas Market in Killucan GAA Hall on Sunday the 4th of Dec from 12 to 4pm. It will showcase a large selection of handmade crafts, decorations, baking & gift ideas. They would appreciate any support you can give so please save the date and call in.

Root Causes

Today's Gospel shows John the Baptist clashing with the Jewish religious authorities. We are told that the Pharisees and Sadducees were stepping forward to be baptized by John.

These people "did not believe him" (Mt 21:32), but they came forward anyway, boasting of the claim that "Abraham is our father." John recognized them for what they were, people of privilege

Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance," he told them (Mt 3:8). He did not object to their coming forward; he objected to their lack of concern for real change in society.

In his brief discourse to the Pharisees and Sadducees, John described the action that was taking place: "Even now the ax is laid to the root of the tree (Mt 3:10)." Every tree that is not fruitful will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

John's message was about justice, about social change. He challenged the people of Israel to get down to the root causes of problems, to uproot unfruitful trees.

The changes that are called for in Advent are fundamental and far-reaching; they are structural. In this new church year, we are challenged to work for a better society, different from the one we now have.

The uniqueness of the Christian message does not so much consist in the affirmation of the necessity for structural change, as it does in the insistence on the conversion of people which will in turn bring about this change.

We will not have a new continent without new and reformed structures, but, above all, there will be no new continent without new people, who know how to be truly free and responsible according to the light of the Gospel.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice
heard
in the joy of your heart.

COLLECT

Almighty and merciful God,
may no earthly undertaking hinder those
who set out in haste to meet your Son,
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom
gain us admittance to his company.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Is 11:1-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,
a scion thrusts from his roots:
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,
a spirit of wisdom and insight,
a spirit of counsel and power,
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the
Lord.

(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)
He does not judge by appearances,
he gives no verdict of hearsay,
but judges the wretched with integrity,
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of
the land.

His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless;
his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,
faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb,
the panther lies down with the kid,
calf and lion cub feed together
with a little boy to lead them.
The cow and the bear make friends,
their young lie down together.
The lion eats straw like the ox.
The infant plays over the cobra's hole;
into the viper's lair
the young child puts his hand.
They do no hurt, no harm,
on all my holy mountain,
for the country is filled with the knowledge of
the Lord

as the waters swell the sea.
That day, the root of Jesse
shall stand as signal to the peoples.
It will be sought out by the nations
and its home will be glorious.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 71

Response:

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.

- O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. (R.)
- In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. (R.)
- For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. (R.)

- May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name. (R.)

SECOND READING

Rm 15:4-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Romans.

Everything that was written long ago in the
scriptures was meant to teach us something
about hope from the examples scripture
gives of how people who did not give up
were helped by God. And may he who helps
us when we refuse to give up, help you all
to be tolerant with each other, following the
example of Christ Jesus, so that united in
mind and voice you may give glory to the
God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you
to treat each other in the same friendly way
as Christ treated you. The reason Christ
became the servant of circumcised Jews was
not only so that God could faithfully carry out
the promises made to the patriarchs, it was
also to get the pagans to give glory to God
for his mercy, as scripture says in one place:
For this I shall praise you among the pagans
and sing your name.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the salvation of
God.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 3:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew.

In due course John the Baptist appeared;
he preached in the wilderness of Judaea
and this was his message: "Repent, for the
kingdom of heaven is close at hand." This
was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of
when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

The man John wore a garment made of
camel-hair with a leather belt round his
waist, and his food was locusts and wild
honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and
the whole Jordan district made their way to
him, and as they were baptised by him in
the river Jordan they confessed their sins.
But when he saw a number of Pharisees and
Sadducees coming for baptism he said to
them, "Brood of vipers, who warned you to
fly from the retribution that is coming? But if
you are repentant, produce the appropriate
fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves,
'We have Abraham for our father,' because, I
tell you, God can raise children for Abraham
from these stones. Even now the axe is laid
to the roots of the trees, so that any tree
which fails to produce good fruit will be cut
down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you
in water for repentance, but the one who
follows me is more powerful than I am,
and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will
baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His
winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his
threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the

barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that
will never go out."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with
the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

(all bow during the next three lines)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the
dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers
and offerings,
and, since we have no merits to plead our
cause,
come, we pray, to our rescue
with the protection of your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from
God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Replenished by the food of spiritual
nourishment,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that, through our partaking in this mystery,
you may teach us to judge wisely the things
of earth
and hold firm to the things of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

