



NEWSLETTER 14TH, 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER.

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ST. JOSEPH'S, RATHWIRE.

Saturday 13th, 6pm. Kevin Heffernan.

Sunday 14th, 11.30am. Matt Mullen MM. Oliver & Emma Ayres. Dympna O'Rourke.

Saturday 20th, 6pm. Paddy & Margaret Hill & Imelda Hill Judge.

Sunday 21st, 11.30am. Mary Kenny & family. Eddie Deihy. Mary Bowe & dec.d family.

ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.

Sunday 14th, 10am. Jimmy, Catherine & James Egan. John Mulvaney & his son Paddy.

Weekday Masses; Tuesday & Thursday, Raharney 9am. Wednesday & Friday Rathwire 9am.

MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: €435
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND €505

Lisa Donoghue Hogan, Tullamore/Raharney.
Maureen McCormack, Currstown.

Cemetery Sunday; on June 18th at 3pm.

May Rosary; each Friday at the grotto in Raharney at 7pm.

Accord Mullingar are currently recruiting Marriage Education Facilitators who will deliver a one day course to those preparing for marriage. This is an interesting and fulfilling role which may suit someone who has an interest in this area. Full training will be provided later this year, and no previous experience is necessary. If you are interested in the dynamics of relationships and marriage and think that you would enjoy this role, please contact the Accord Office on 044-9348707. Recruitment will take place in June 2022.

God With Us

In today's [Gospel](#) Jesus promises us that "I will not leave you orphaned; I will come back to you and you will have life." Our faith, nurtured in this great paschal season, tells us that God-made-flesh is God-with-us, never abandoning us and always filling us with life.

It should be a great comfort to all of us, who share in the pain and suffering of ordinary life, to know that the Spirit of Jesus is with us always. It should be especially comforting to know that Jesus will not leave orphaned all those whom the world casts aside: the poor and homeless, the racial and ethnic minorities, the sick and dying, the prisoner and the refugee.

"Christ died for sins once for all, a just man for the sake of the unjust." He rescued us from our attachment to injustice, and then he sent his Spirit to remain with us and within us. Our prayer is one of gratitude for such a gift and hope that "we feel its saving power in our daily life." Jesus loves us so much that, even after his death, resurrection, and ascension, he remains with us. He is, after all, Emanuel, 'God with us,' but now through his living, sanctifying Spirit.

We now encounter him in new ways: in other human beings; in any place where people gather in his name; in the inspired words of Holy Scripture; in his Church, particularly her liturgical celebrations; in the person of his minister; and especially in the sacraments.

U.S. Bishops, [The Eucharist and the Hungers of the Human Family](#)

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE WORD

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**"I WILL NOT
LEAVE YOU
ORPHANS"**

JOHN 14:15-21

SAY

"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Amen."

PRAY

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you witness to the Gospel at all times.

LEARN

The Christian is one who does God's will

Love is at the heart of the Christian life

God will never abandon us

DO

The Holy Spirit is the holy breath of God. As you breathe in and out, try to imagine your breath as the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, filling you with life every minute of the day.

In today's Gospel, Jesus promises that we will never be lost and alone. "I will not leave you orphans," he says. "I will come back to you."

It's a promise that he will send the Holy Spirit at Pentecost to be with us, to help and guide us.

But it is also a statement of the profound love he and his Father have for all of us. We are loved so much that they will never abandon us. No matter what difficulties we face or problems we encounter, we are not alone. We are not orphans. We don't have to be afraid. We are children of a loving God. ■



REFLECT

In today's Gospel, Jesus assures his friends they won't be abandoned even though he will have to leave them soon. God will send the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, the Spirit of truth, to be with them forever.

We have received the gift of the Holy Spirit. You could say that the Holy Spirit is like a spiritual sat nav that God has given us to help us make our way through life. When we don't know what to do or which way to turn, the Holy Spirit points us in the right direction.

But, first, as with a sat nav on our phone or in our car, we must tune into the Holy

Spirit. That means being conscious of the Spirit present with us at all times. We are never alone or lost. We Christians have been given an inbuilt Holy Spirit navigation system. But we must activate it; we must turn it on.

Second, it means asking for the Holy Spirit's help. Whenever you don't know what to do or the best decision to make, pray to the Holy Spirit and let the Spirit be your guide. The Holy Spirit always points us to Jesus, who is "the Way, the truth, and the life."

And the Spirit guides the Church. As you may know, extensive consultation has

been taking place throughout the Church in preparation for a synod in Rome in October. Dioceses and religious groups have been offering their perspective on the way forward for the Church. This synod is seen as perhaps the most important since Vatican II. We trust in the Holy Spirit to safely guide the synod's work so we may face the future with hope.

That's the Spirit's job - to direct us through life, lead us to Jesus, offer us support and reassurance, help us reach eternal life.

So, make sure always to switch on your spiritual sat-nav. With the Spirit as your guide, you will never go astray. ■