



NEWSLETTER JULY 30TH, 17TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR.

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ST. JOSEPH'S, RATHWIRE.

Sunday 30th, 11.30am. Vincent Leavy. Mickey, Mary & David Cannon. Breda Smyth.

ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.

Sunday 6th, 10am. Tommy & Maureen Lynam.

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

MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: €465
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND €410

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

WORLD YOU DAY 2023 The countdown has begun to the WYD of the Catholic Church taking place in Lisbon, Portugal. At the St. Oliver Plunkett commemorations in Oldcastle recently, Bishop Tom blessed the pilgrims as they get ready to travel. A group of forty four are joining Bishop Tom in representing the Diocese of Meath at this gathering of young Catholics (18-35 years) from all across the world. Pope Francis is eagerly looking forward to the encounter and encourages everyone to pray for this important event and to be part of it by following online or by the live broadcasts. RTE usually link in for the final Mass which will take place on Sunday 6th August. Please check out www.dioceseofmeath and follow us on this extraordinary pilgrimage.

In the Spirit of WYD there is an event "Light the Fire" organised on the Hill of Slane on Aug 6th beginning at 12.15. This event welcomes Archbishop Eamonn Martin, Fr. Pablo Escriva de Romani, Sr. Breege McKenna, and Dana. Mass is celebrated at 2pm. All are welcome.

One Really Valuable Pearl

Jesus likens the kingdom to a man who finds a buried treasure and sells all that he has so that he can buy the field containing the treasure.

He likens the kingdom to a merchant who sells all that he has in order to be able to buy one really valuable pearl.

What is the one really valuable pearl that we are willing to sacrifice everything in order to have? What is that buried treasure for which we would be willing to sacrifice everything?

The thing that Solomon wanted most was "an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong."

Isn't it possible that what we want most is something very selfish: possessions, security, power, pleasure, comfort?

What would the world be like if, instead of these, our one really valuable pearl was something like world peace based on justice for all? or the development of a classless society based on respect for all and the priority of need over want? Or the worship of God through prayer, service, and a preferential option for the poor?

What would the world be like? Jesus says it would be like the kingdom.

The cross of Jesus Christ shows us the deficiency of other value systems. Jesus yielded up his life for us in perfect loving union with the Father's will, and this is the meaning of his life which also gives meaning to our lives as his followers.

If we can acknowledge selfishness as folly and self-sacrifice as victory, if we can love enemies, be vulnerable to injustice and, in being so, still say that we have triumphed, then we shall have learned to live in Christ Jesus.

U.S. Bishops, To Live in Christ Jesus,

(For Shorter Form, read between ♣)

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. ♣

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

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

Profession of Faith

(Nicene Creed)

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, and became man, all bow.

At the words that follow, up to and including

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.

The priest introduces the Prayer of the Faithful

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), ...
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right and just.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. ...

After the Consecration

The mystery of faith.
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

THE COMMUNION RITE

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, ...
Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, ...
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Lord Jesus Christ, ...

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And with your spirit.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins ...

Behold the Lamb of God, ...
Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

(Ps 102:2)

The People's Mass

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

(Cf. Ps 67:6-7:36)

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

In the name of the Father, ... Amen.
The grace of our Lord ... And with your spirit.

Penitential Act

Brethren (brothers and sisters), ...

A brief pause for silence follows.

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You came to call sinners:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Or: Kyrie, eleison.
Or: Kyrie, eleison.

May almighty God have mercy on us, ... Amen.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory. / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

(1 Kg 3:5-7:12)

A reading from the first book of the Kings.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.'

Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so

many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this,' the Lord said, 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 118:5:772,76-77:7127-130)

Thanks be to God.

- R** Lord, how I love your law!
- 1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. **R**
- 2. Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. **R**
- 3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. **R**
- 4. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. **R**

SECOND READING

(Rm 8:28-30)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans. We know that by turning everything to their good God cooperates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Jn 15:15)

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia

