



NEWSLETTER SEPT 17TH, 24TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR.

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ST. JOSEPH'S, RATHWIRE.

Saturday 16th, 6pm. Dec.d members of the Lynch family, Lunestown.

Sunday 24th, 11.30am. Sean & Kathleen Kellaghan.

ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.

Sunday 17th, 10am. Kathy & Kit McKeogh and dec.d family.

Sunday 24th, 10am. Jack Shaw & dec.d family.

Weekday Masses; Tuesday Raharney 9am. No weekday Mass any other day.

MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: €428
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND €465

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

Used Stamps: may be left in the boxes in the churches as they are useful for funding to missionary societies.

Alone; Support and befriending services are seeking to encourage new volunteers in their work. See posters for details. Or visit www.alone.ie/getinvolved/volunteer/

Monthly Mass: and Novena for Matt Talbot in Walshestown church on Fri 29th Sept at 7.30pm.
refreshments in the Community centre afterwards.

The Meath Diocesan Spirituality Day for 2023 will be held in the Franciscan Abbey, Multyfarnham on Sunday 1st Oct from 2pm – 5.30pm. Fr. Seamus Houlihan will celebrate Mass at 4.15pm.

The Challenge of Forgiveness

“Forgive your neighbour’s injustice.” How often must I forgive the brother who wrongs me?

“Not seven times, I say, seventy times seven times.”

Some of the social ills that we struggle against result in part from the refusal of people to forgive. Wars are fought and innocent people are killed, maimed, or displaced because people cannot forgive their neighbors for their actions or those of their ancestors. Our own society shows its own refusal to forgive in its obsessive clinging to the death penalty.

The world of social evil stands in need of forgiveness.

Those of us who are African-American are challenged by the gospel to forgive the slave masters of their ancestors as well as the racist descendants of those slave masters. Those of us who are women are challenged by the gospel to forgive the sexist men who have colluded, through action or inaction, in the creation and maintenance of a 'man's world.' The victims of war are challenged by the gospel to forgive all the militarists of the world.

“The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.” The challenge is for us to become like God, who is *our creator and guide*.

Mercy in itself, as a perfection of the infinite God, is also infinite. Also infinite therefore and inexhaustible is the Father's readiness to receive the prodigal children who return to his home. Infinite are the readiness and power of forgiveness which flow continually from the marvellous value of the sacrifice of the Son. No human sin can prevail over this power or even limit it.

Pope John Paul II, [*Dives in Misericordia*](#),

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon (Eccles 36:18)

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

In the name of the Father, ... **Amen.**
The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

Penitential Act

Brethren (brothers and sisters), ...
A brief pause for silence follows.

I confess to almighty God / and to you, my
brothers and sisters, / that I have greatly sinned,
/ in my thoughts and in my words, / in what I have
done and in what I have failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault, / through my
most grievous fault; / therefore I ask blessed Mary
ever-Virgin, / all the Angels and Saints, / and you,
my brothers and sisters, / to pray for me to the
Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us, ... **Amen.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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 (Eccles 27:30-28:7)

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.
Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and
both are found with the sinner. He who exacts
vengeance will experience the vengeance of the
Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your
neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray,

your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger
against another, can he then demand compassion
from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like
himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere
creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who
will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things,
and stop hating, remember dissolution and death,
and live by the commandments. Remember the
commandments, and do not bear your neighbour
ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and
overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
(Ps 102:1-4.9-12)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

- ℟** The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **℟**
 2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals everyone of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **℟**
 3. His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **℟**
 4. For as the heavens are high above
the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. **℟**

SECOND READING (Rm 14:7-9)
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

The life and death of each of us has its influence on
others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die,
we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong
to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and
came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of
the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**
(1 Sm 3:9; Jn 6:68)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Mt 18:21-35)

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

(contd on back page)

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 for-
giveness 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.

Sanctus It is right and just.

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, ...
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, ... **Amen.**
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 ...

Communion Antiphon (Cf. Ps 35:8)

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of
your wings.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often
must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often
as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell
you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared
to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his
servants. When the reckoning began, they brought
him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but
he had no means of paying, so his master gave
orders that he should be sold, together with his wife
and children and all his possessions, to meet the
debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his
master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will
pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt
so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the
debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to
meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred
denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began
to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said.
His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him,
saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the
other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him
thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His
fellow servants were deeply distressed when they
saw what had happened, and they went to their
master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the
master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I
cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to
me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your
fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his
anger the master handed him over to the torturers
till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my
heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each
forgive your brother from your heart.'

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,

*At the words that follow, up to and including
and became man, all bow.*

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