



# NEWSLETTER SEPT 24<sup>TH</sup>, 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR.

A PARISH OF THE MULLINGAR DEANERY

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## ST. JOSEPH'S, RATHWIRE.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>, 11.30am. Sean & Kathleen Kellaghan. Billy Leavy.

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>, 6pm. Paddy & Babs Bray and daughter Angela.


Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>, 11.30am. Mary Casserly. Rosaleen Downey, Belfast.

## ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>, 10am. Jack Shaw & dec.d family.

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>, 10am. Doreen Murtagh & Kathleen Brady.

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

<p>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</p> 	<p>In St. Joseph's Tuesday 1pm-9pm. &amp; St. Brigid's Wed. 5pm-10pm: <i>Special Diocesan intention of prayer for vocations and the family.</i> <b>Take one Hour with the Lord</b></p>
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<p><b>MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: €460</b> <b>PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND €485</b></p>	
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**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/](http://www.alone.ie/getinvolved/volunteer/)

**Monthly Mass:** and Novena for Matt Talbot in Walshestown church on Fri 29<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Oct from 2pm – 5.30pm. Fr. Seamus Houlihan will celebrate Mass at 4.15pm.

## God's Justice

The parable of the workers in the vineyard is rather startling. People who work an hour in the late afternoon are paid the same as those who work all day long. Obviously God doesn't think like we do.

We think of justice in terms of what is fair, of what people deserve. So we would say that the people who worked longer deserved more. But God doesn't see it that way. God thinks of justice in terms of people's dignity, their right to a decent life.

The people who came late had the same right to a decent life as those who had worked all day, so they are all treated equally. Nothing is taken from anyone, but all are treated in accord with their dignity, their right to a decent life. Such is God's justice.

"My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord." Perhaps we would have a better world if we were to adopt some of God's ways. After all, "the Lord is just in all his ways," and that is something which cannot be said of all our ways.

"Father, guide us according to your law of love." Free us from our law of vindictive justice.

Biblical justice is more comprehensive than subsequent philosophical definitions. It is not concerned with a strict definition of rights and duties, but with the rightness of the human condition before God and within society. Nor is justice opposed to love; rather, it is both a manifestation of love and a condition for love to grow.

U.S. Bishops, [\*Economic Justice for All\*](#),



## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ... 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

Gloria 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

(Is 55:6-9)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,  
call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way,  
the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity  
on him,

to our God who is rich in forgiving;  
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.  
Yes, the heavens are as high above the earth  
as my ways are above your ways,  
my thoughts above your thoughts.  
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 144:2-3.8-9.17-18)

**R. The Lord is close to all who call him.**

1. I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.  
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
his greatness cannot be measured. **R.**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts. **R.**

### SECOND READING

(Phil 1:20-24.27)

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

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my  
life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ,  
but then death would bring me something more;  
but then again, if living in this body means doing  
work which is having good results – I do not know  
what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma:  
I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would  
be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in  
this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be  
unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Lk 19:38; 2:14)

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Blessings on the King who comes,  
in the name of the Lord!**

**Peace in heaven**

**and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

(Mt 20:1-16)

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**



A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Matthew. **Gloria to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven  
is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire

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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.

Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.

## 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, ... **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 (Ps 118:4-5)

You have laid down your precepts to be  
carefully kept;

may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement  
with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent  
them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third  
hour he saw others standing idle in the market  
place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too  
and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At  
about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth  
hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about  
the eleventh hour he went out and found more men  
standing round, and he said to them, "Why have  
you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no  
one has hired us," they answered. He said to them,  
"You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the  
owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the  
workers and pay them their wages, starting with  
the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those  
who were hired at about the eleventh hour came  
forward and received one denarius each. When  
the first came, they expected to get more, but they  
too received one denarius each. They took it, but  
grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came  
last," they said, "have done only one hour, and  
you have treated them the same as us, though we  
have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He  
answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am  
not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one  
denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to  
pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have  
I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be  
envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will  
be first, and the first, last.'

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.

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