



NEWSLETTER DEC 3RD. 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT.

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ST. JOSEPH'S, RATHWIRE.

Sunday 3rd, 11.30am. Pat Crinion MM. Christy Doyle.

Friday 8th, 7pm. Rose & Patrick Sheils, Edmonton. Pat, Mary & Jimmy Sheils, New York.

Sunday 10th, 11.30am. Dawn Clyne. Paddy O'Connor & Family members.

ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.

Saturday 9th, 6pm. Michael & Annie Quinn & family. Daniel & Kathleen Coffey & family.

Sunday 10th, 10am. Arthur Swords & family members. Matt & Theresa Mullen.

Weekday Masses; Tues & Thurs Raharney 9am. Wed 9am. & Friday 7pm.

MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: €443
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND €425

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: Feast Day Mass in Rathwire on Fri at 7pm.

Christmas Fair: St. Patrick's Edmonton are holding their annual Christmas market in Killucan GAA hall on Sun 3rd Dec from 12 to 4pm. Showcasing a large selection of all crafts and gift idea. Support appreciated.

Raharney camogie/hurling club, killucan gaa/igfa present: An Evening with *Philly McMahon :a mental health, wellbeing and resilience* talk on Friday the 8th of December at 7pm in killucan gaa centre.

Mullingar Choral Society: Christmas Concert in the Cathedral of Christ The King, Mullingar, on the 3rd December 2023 starting at 7.30pm. Tickets available at the door or on Eventbrite.

Neglecting the Present

Advent is a time to recognize that we are "sinful; all of us have become like unclean men, all our good deeds are like polluted rags." Our personal and social sins are many: hatred, violence, oppression, indifference, selfishness, etc.

Advent is also a time of "longing for Christ our Savior," a time in which we "wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus." We look forward to the celebration of Christmas, the commemoration of Jesus' birth, but we also look forward to the "promise and hope" of heaven, which we want God to "teach us to love."

The longing for Christ causes us to want things to change for the better. We want God to find us "blameless on the day of Our Lord Jesus Christ." With Isaiah's words in mind: "Would that you might meet us doing right, we ask God to increase our strength of will for doing good."

The message of Advent is to "be constantly on the watch!"

Advent, then, is an expression of our faith in the possibility of a better world. We don't have to be at each other's throats. We can 'do right' in the areas of race relations, family obligations, and personal responsibilities. We can 'do good' to the poor, the elderly, the homeless, and to all our brothers and sisters at home and abroad. We can become blameless, beacons of social justice, examples of faith and love, peacemakers.

The message of Advent is to "be constantly on the watch!" We base this constant watch not on fear but on hope in God's "promise of eternal life." The promise of Christmas is a joyful anticipation that "The Lord will shower his gifts, and our land will yield its fruit."

All too often Christians are faulted with a certain indifference toward earthly projects, as if one could not fully count on us for radical social reform. The charge may be unfair, but the danger is real enough. Our hope in another life must not be allowed to seduce believers into neglecting our task in the present one.

The People's Mass

for the praise and glory of his name,
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.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

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,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
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
(Ps 84:13)
The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth
shall yield its increase.

GOSPEL (Mk 13:33-37)
The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay
awake, because you never know when the time will
come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone
from home, and left his servants in charge, each
with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper
to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do
not know when the master of the house is coming,
evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes
unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And
what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'
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
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 LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST
The priest introduces the Prayer of the Faithful.
Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), ...
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands

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ST PAULS

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon
(Cf. Ps 24:1-3)
To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, Amen.
The grace of our Lord ... 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.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
The Gloria is not said.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING
(Is 63:16-17; 64:1-3-8)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.
You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways
and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and
come down
- at your Presence the mountains would melt.
No ear has heard,
no eye has seen
any god but you act like this
for those who trust him.

You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.
We have all withered like leaves

and our sins blew us away like the wind.
No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our sins.
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter,
we are all the work of your hand.
The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19)
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be
saved.

- O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. R
- God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. R
- May your hand be on the man you
have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. R

SECOND READING

(1 Cor 1:3-9)
A reading from the first letter of St Paul
to the Corinthians.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
send you grace and peace.
I never stop thanking God for all the graces you
have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him
that you have been enriched in so many ways,
especially in your teachers and preachers; the
witness to Christ has indeed been strong among
you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of
the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus
Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady
and without blame until the last day, the day of our
Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has
joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is
faithful.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
(Ps 84:8)
Alleluia, alleluia!
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.
Alleluia!

Thanks be to God.