



# NEWSLETTER DEC 10<sup>TH</sup>. 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT.

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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

## ST. JOSEPH'S, RATHWIRE.

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

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>, 11.30am. Sean Gaynor, & Mary, John & Margaret. Christine Glennon nee Mullen. James Loran. William Kane. Pauline Cunningham. Jimmy Rooney. Mattie Greville Snr & Bridget & Ethna & Mark Gorman. Edward, Rose & Christy Glennon. Clement Traynor. Christina, James & Paddy Gaynor.

## ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>, 6pm. Michael & Annie Quinn & family. Daniel & Kathleen Coffey & family.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>, 10am. Arthur Swords & family members. Matt & Theresa Mullen.

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>, 6pm. Linda Harkin MM. Christine Holohan. Edward (Ned) McKeogh.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>, 10am. Mick Dowdall. Peter & Mary Mulkearns & family.

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

MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: €470  
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND €508

**St. Vincent de Paul:** appeal envelopes may be returned to the drop centres or at the church-gate collection this weekend. Thank you.

**Used Stamps:** remembers to save the stamps and bring them along to the church for missionary aid.

## The Things That Hinder Us

We are getting closer and closer to the "day of the Lord," a term which the authors of the Christian Scriptures carried over from the Hebrew Scriptures.

The author of the Second Letter of Peter describes it this way: "What we await are new heavens and a new earth where, according to his promise, the justice of God will reside."

It is the day of God's salvation when "Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven."

We await the day of the Lord, but it is to be an active waiting. John the Baptist echoes the prophet's message: "In the desert prepare the way of the Lord!"

"Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!" The reading from Peter speaks of our "looking for the coming of the day of God" and of our "trying to hasten it!"

We stand, as it were, in a desert, an empty wasteland of broken lives and discarded people.

The challenge of Advent is to clear a straight path for God: to end injustices, to stop wars and the preparations for wars, to put discrimination behind us, or in the words of the opening prayer, to "remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy."

The promise of Advent is that "the Lord will come to save all nations."

Because we believe in the dignity of the person, we must embrace every chance to help and to liberate, to heal the wounded world as Jesus taught us. Our hands must be the strong but gentle hands of Christ, reaching out in mercy and justice, touching individual persons, but also touching the social conditions that hinder the wholeness which is God's desire for humanity.

U.S. Bishops, *Health and Health Care*,



are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. (Lk 3:4-6)

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight,  
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL (Mk 1:1-8)

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.  
The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way.  
A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

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 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.  
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, 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 that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

### Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God. (Bar 5:5; 4:36)

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Entrance Antiphon (Cf. Is 30:19-30)

O people of Zion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

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.  
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 40:1-5.9-11)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.  
'Console my people, console them,' says your God.  
'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord.  
Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.  
Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley;

then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 84:9-14)

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

- I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land.
- Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven.
- The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps.

## SECOND READING (2 Pt 3:8-14)

A reading from the second letter of St Peter.  
There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.  
Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you