



NEWSLETTER DEC 17TH. 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT.

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ST. JOSEPH'S, RATHWIRE.

Sunday 17th, 11.30am. Sean Gaynor, & Mary, John & Margaret. Christine Glennon nee Mullen. James Loran. William Kane. Pauline, Anthony & Tony jnr Cunningham. Jimmy Rooney. Mattie Greville Snr & Bridget & Ethna & Mark Gorman. Edward, Rose & Christy Glennon.

ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.

Saturday 16th, 6pm. Linda Harkin MM. Christine Holohan. Edward (Ned) & Rose McKeogh. Joe Mooney. Clement Traynor. Christina, James & Paddy Gaynor.

Sunday 17th, 10am. Mick Dowdall. Peter & Mary Mulkearns & family.

Saturday 23rd 6pm. Florrie, Vinny & Brendan Sheils.

Weekday Masses; Tues & Thurs Raharney 9am. Wed & Fri 9am Rathwire.

MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: €550
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND €640

Tommy Bennett, Rathmines. Late of Killucan.

Mass times next weekend; Saturday 23rd, **6pm Raharney & Sunday 24th 10am Rathwire.**

Christmas Eve Mass: Rathwire 7pm.

Christmas Day; Raharney 10am and Rathwire 11.30am.

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

Rejoice in the Lord, Always!

It is a time for rejoicing: "The Lord is near! The earth rejoices in hope of the Savior's coming and looks forward with longing to his return at the end of time."

We again encounter John the Baptist echoing Isaiah's oracle: "Make straight the way of the Lord!" This time it appears alongside Paul's ringing exhortation: "Rejoice always, never cease praying, render constant thanks."

It also appears—quite significantly—alongside two passages that speak of salvation for the lowly.

The **First Reading** has Isaiah tell of being sent "to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners."

The Responsorial Psalm is Mary's song from the first chapter of Luke: "The hungry he has given every good thing, while the rich he has sent empty away."

The Alleluia follows this with a rewording of Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord ... sent me to bring Good News to the poor."

The message of today's liturgy is clear. The salvation we await with joy will liberate both the individual and the community, and its special focus will be the poor and lowly, not the rich and powerful.

"As the earth brings forth its plants ... so will the Lord God make justice."

Jesus comes so that our community might no longer bear the scars of poverty and oppression but might instead "be preserved whole and entire, spirit, soul, and body."

As a leaven in the world, the Church is called to participate in human affairs and to recognize in the poor, the afflicted, and the oppressed the presence of the Lord summoning the Christian community to action.

US Bishops, *Resolution on the Pastoral Concern of the Church for People on the Move,*

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

The People's Mass

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 ...

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,
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

Speak to the faint of heart:
Be strong and do not fear.
Behold, our God will come,
and he will save us.

(Cf. Is 35:4)

then, they asked, 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not,' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you?' We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:
a voice that cries in the wilderness:
Make a straight way for the Lord.'
Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water, but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

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 INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

(Phil 4:4-5)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

In the name of the Father, ... Amen.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 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.

You came to call sinners:
Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father
to intercede for us:
Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us, ... Amen.
The Gloria is not said.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

(Is 61:1-2.10-11)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
for the Lord has anointed me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,
to bind up hearts that are broken;
to proclaim liberty to captives,
to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.
'I exult for joy in the Lord,
my soul rejoices in my God,
for he has clothed me in the garments
of salvation,
he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity,
like a bridegroom wearing his wreath,
like a bride adorned in her jewels.
'For as the earth makes fresh things grow,
as a garden makes seeds spring up,
so will the Lord make both integrity and praise
spring up in the sight of the nations.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Lk 1:46-50. 53-54)

My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.

He looks on his servant in her nothingness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed. **R**
The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him. **R**
He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy. **R**

SECOND READING

(1 Thess 5:16-24)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Is 61:1; Lk 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.

He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

(Jn 1:6-8.19-28)

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' Well