



NEWSLETTER JAN 14TH. 2ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR.

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ST. JOSEPH'S, RATHWIRE.

Sunday 14th, 11.30am. Tommy Bennett MM. Paddy Loran & son Patrick (PJ)

ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.

Sunday 14th, 10am. Pauline Doyle MM. Michael & Margaret Lynam.

Sunday 21st, 10am. Carmel Plunkett MM.

Weekday Masses; Rathwire Fri 9am.

MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: €580
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND €458

RIP; Sr. Theresa Shaw, late of Riverdale.
Christine Cunningham, Athlone. Mother of Josephine Cuneen.
Tony Ayres, Clonard. Brother of Oliver Ayres.

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

The Sin of the World

In today's Gospel, John sees Jesus and exclaims: "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" He doesn't say "the sins of the world;" he uses the singular: "the sin of the world" (*peccatum* in Latin, *ten hamarten* in Greek).

We all sin, and we sin in different ways and at different times. We can speak of "sins" (in the plural), but all our sins are of a piece: they are different manifestations of our sinfulness. The liturgy alternates between these two perspectives, acknowledging that "you take away the sin of the world" (Glory to God) and also that "you take away the sins of the world" (Lamb of God). The recently developed concept of social sin is an attempt to articulate the sinfulness of humankind. It isn't just that we do wrong things: the fact is that we are basically "off centre." It is our "original" sin that matters most, our fundamental option for ourselves over and above God. The rest is expression, like colouring the picture or connecting the dots.

The wonder of Jesus is that he takes away not only the sins but also the sin. He fills us with the Spirit of sinlessness, who will "make us one in peace and love."

The disturbances which so frequently occur in the social order result in part from the natural tensions of economic, political, and social forms. But at a deeper level they flow from man's pride and selfishness, which contaminate even the social sphere.

Vatican II, *Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*

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

14 January 2024
2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / 8

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon (Ps 65:4)

All the earth shall bow down before you,
O God, and shall sing to you,
I shall sing to your name, O Most High!
In the name of the Father, ... Amen.
The grace of our Lord ... And with your spirit.

Pentential 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.

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 (1 Sm 3:3-10.19)

A reading from the first book of Samuel.
Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where
the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel!
Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to
Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said,
'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and
lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel!

Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said,
'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not
call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had
as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the
Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again
the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to
Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then
understood that it was the Lord who was calling the
boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if
someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is
listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his
place.
The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had
done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered,
'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'
Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let
no word of his fall to the ground.
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 39:2.4.7-10)
R Here I am, Lord!
I come to do your will.
1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **R**

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **R**
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. **R**
4. Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **R**

SECOND READING (1 Cor 6:13-15.17-20)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul
to the Corinthians.
The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord,
and the Lord for the body. God who raised the Lord
from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.
You know, surely, that your bodies are members
making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined
to the Lord is one spirit with him.
Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are
committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin

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.
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 ...
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 (Cf. Ps 22:5)
You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches
my thirst.

against your own body. Your body, you know, is the
temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you
received him from God. You are not your own
property; you have been bought and paid for. That is
why you should use your body for the glory of God.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (1 Sam 3:9; Jn 6:68)
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!
GOSPEL (Jn 1:35-42)
The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus
passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look,
there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two
disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw
them following and said, 'What do you want?' They
answered, 'Rabbi' - which means 'Teacher' - 'where
do you live?' 'Come and see,' he replied; so they went
and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest
of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus
after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the
brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew
met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the
Messiah' - which means the Christ - and he took
Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said,
'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called
Cephas' - meaning Rock.

The Gospel of the Lord.
The Gospel of 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