



NEWSLETTER MARCH 3RD, 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT.

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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 3rd, 11.30am. Jack Murtagh.

Saturday 9th, 6pm. Brendan Sheils.

ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.

Sunday 3rd, 10am. Nancy & Tommy McKeogh. Patsy Flanagan.

Sunday 10th, 10am. Michael Ryan MM.

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

MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: €542
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND €645

RIP: Mattie Joe Greville, Killucan. Funeral on
Mon at 11am in Raharney.

Stations of the Cross: Prayer and reflection on Thursdays of Lent in Raharney at 7pm.

Living Well; a programme for adults with long-term health conditions. See poster for details.

Not Just A Set of Rules

The law of God is our strength. It challenges us to establish a right order with God (the first three commandments) and with our fellow human beings (the last seven commandments). Our sins are signs of weakness that we must overcome.

“Christ is the power of God”; his weakness is more powerful than our strength. Our dying with Christ in Lent is an identification with the power of Christ crucified.

Our calling, then, is to be strong, not weak. The commandments represent not just a set of rules but an ideal of a social order for which we are to give our lives, as Christ did on the cross.

We cannot stand by idly as the world rides roughshod over the ideal established by God's law. We must be strong. We must overthrow injustice, just as Jesus overturned the tables of the money-changers.

The oppressors of people and their evil systems must arouse our anger. “Get them out of here!”

(Christ's) message is an invitation to orient every act in accordance with the dictates of divine law, which demands the unflinching adherence of all, despite sacrifice.

Along with such a deepened understanding must go action. It is utterly intolerable for Catholics to restrict themselves to the position of mere observers.

Pope John XXIII, 1

