



# NEWSLETTER MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>. ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

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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.**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>, 6pm. Robert Kellaghan. Billy Farrell. Seamus, Billy, Eileen & David Leech.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6pm. Pat Croach.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>, 11.30am. Richard & Niall O'Keeffe. Sally & Tommy O'Hara.

## **ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.**

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>, 10am. Mick, Mary, & Valarie Murtagh. John, Christy & Sandra Crowe.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>, 10am. Vincent Smyth. Una Wier & dec.d members of the Cusack family.

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

**MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: €546**  
**PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND €580**

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

**A Walk in Park:** A memorial to Lisa Donoghue, St. Patrick's Day at 11am in Joristown Park. Donations in aid of North Westmeath Hospice.

**National Eucharistic Adoration:** pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April. Buses from the area travelling. Booking can be made with any of the adoration committee.

## **Seeing Jesus**

Some Greeks came up to Philip and made this request: "Sir, we should like to see Jesus." They are to find Jesus, of course, in the grain of wheat fallen to earth and dying. They are to find Jesus in the one who is lifted up from the earth and loses his life.

If we should like to see Jesus we need to look for the fallen grains of wheat around us, the sick and impoverished, the abused and oppressed. If we should like to see Jesus, we need to look for those who are losing their lives, the victims of poverty, abuse, discrimination, and war.

What we need is a new covenant, a covenant of love and forgiveness. We need to have written in our hearts that we are God's people, that we aspire to be like Christ in transforming the darkness of the world's pain into the life and joy of Easter.

Jesus who came as 'Emmanuel' (God with us, Mt 1:23) and who promises to be with his people until the end of the age (Mt 28:20) is hidden in those most in need; to reject them is to reject God made manifest in history.

U.S. Bishops, Economic Justice for All,

# The People's Mass

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Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say, Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name! A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.'

'Now sentence is being passed on this world: now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

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, /

and became man, *all bow.*  
*At the words that follow, up to and including*

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. / 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.

Lift up your hearts.

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.

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, ...

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your spirit.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

grant us peace.

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

Many will come from east and west

and sit down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob

at the feast in the kingdom of heaven,

*(Cf. Mt 8:11)*

As per the indulgence granted by the Holy See in 1974, the Holy Mass of the Solemnity of St Patrick, Principal Patron of Ireland, is celebrated today, including the Gloria, but the Readings for the Holy Mass are of the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Entrance Antiphon

*(Gen 12:1-2)*

Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.

I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

In the name of the Father, ...

The grace of our Lord ...

### Penitential Act

And with your spirit.

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,

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks –

*(Jer 31:31-34)*

when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Thanks be to God.

The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*(Ps 50:3-4, 12-15)*

**R** A pure heart create for me, O God.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt

and cleanse me from my sin. **R**

2. A pure heart create for me, O God,

put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,

nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R**

3. Give me again the joy of your help,

with a spirit of fervour sustain me,

that I may teach transgressors your ways

and sinners may return to you. **R**

### SECOND READING

*(Heb 5:7-9)*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*(Jn 12:26)*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glorify to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must

follow me;

wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

Glorify to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

*(Jn 12:20-30)*

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

**GOSPEL** A reading from the holy Gospel

according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

