



NEWSLETTER FEB 25TH, 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT.

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ST. JOSEPH'S, RATHWIRE.

Sunday 25th, 11.30am. Brigid & John Carley.

Sunday 3rd, 11.30am. Jack Murtagh.

ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.

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

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

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

MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: €489
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND €610

RIP: Olive Hill, Boston. Late of Thomastown.

First Friday: Communion Calls as usual on Friday.

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.

A More Just Society

In the midst of our suffering and hardship, we must keep sight of the "light at the end of the tunnel." We know that Jesus is that light and that we must trust in that light the way Abraham trusted in God.

We are suffering voluntarily in our Lenten fast. We are also acutely aware in this season of the suffering caused by our sinfulness. Easter, however, awaits us, the hope of resurrection, because "God is for us."

Many in our world are suffering involuntarily. They are the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the victims of oppression and war and other injustices. Is there "light at the end of the tunnel" for them? When will Easter come to them? Who is for them besides God?

Christians cannot allow the magnitude of social evils to overwhelm them. They must always live by the light of Christ and the hope of resurrection.

Christian hope is strong and resilient, for it is rooted in a faith that knows that the fullness of life comes to those who follow Christ in the way of the Cross.

In pursuit of concrete solutions, all members of the Christian community are called to an ever finer discernment of the hurts and opportunities in the world around them, in order to respond to the most pressing needs and thus build up a more just society.

U.S. Bishops, Economic Justice for All,

Synod feedback invitation

A series of meetings is planned for the coming weeks across the diocese of Meath to offer feedback on the Synod which was held in Rome last October and to offer an opportunity for further discernment on the synodal process which will inform the preparations for the Synod in Rome next October. All interested persons are invited to one of the following meetings:


Mullingar Community Centre, Wednesday 21st February, Tullamore Parish Centre, Wednesday 28th February

Navan Parish Room, Wednesday 6th March, Ashbourne Parish Hall, Wednesday 13th March

All meetings commence at 7:00pm, and will be facilitated by the Meath Diocesan Synodal Team. It would be helpful to have some familiarity with the document issued following the Synod last October called *Towards the 2024 Assembly* available on www.synod.va.

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.** (Mk 9:2-10)

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi', he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean. 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.
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, ...
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
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him. (Mt 17:5)

The People's Mass

25 February 2024
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / B

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon

(Cf. Ps 26:8-9)

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

In the name of the Father,
The grace of our Lord ...

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.

And with your spirit.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING (Gen 22:1-2,9-13,15-18)
A reading from the book of Genesis.
God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called. 'Here I am,' he replied. 'Take your son, God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'
When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.
But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy', the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.
The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you. I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants; as a reward for your obedience.'
The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Ps 115:10,15-19)
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.
1. I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted.'
O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. **R**
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name. **R**
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.
With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!
From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!'
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!