



# NEWSLETTER

APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>. 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER. DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY.

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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 7<sup>th</sup>, 11.30am. David & Mary O'Brien & dec.d members of O'Brien & Flynn families.  
Olive Hill, Boston and late of Thomastown.

## ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>, 6pm. Mattie Joe Greville MM. John, Jenny & Stephen McManus. George and Ethel Eagles.  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>, 10am. Barney, Lil, Ber, Pat & Doreen Murtagh.  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>. 6pm. Jack & Philomena Anderson.  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>, 10am. Teresa Nea.

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

**MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: €670**  
**PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND €860**

RIP: James Coyne.

**Divine Mercy Sunday;** 7th, April. devotions in Castlejordan Church at 3pm.

**National Eucharistic Adoration;** pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April. Buses from the area travelling.  
Booking can be made with Kathleen 0861061748.

**Trocaire Donations;** may be handed in at this time.

**Holy Land Collection;** A special Collection today for the Christian Communities in the Holy Land.

## One Heart, One Mind

The Easter sacraments of initiation have called us to become a community of God's people. The program for this "community of believers is to be of one heart and one mind."

The Second Reading deals with the *one heart* part of being community: loving God and loving God's children. The Gospel deals with the *one mind* part of being community: belief in Jesus even among those who have not seen.

What is such a community like? Look at the Reading from Acts. The early church of Jerusalem respected the apostles and their witness to the resurrection, and along with that they shared their possessions.

Voluntarily surrendering their right to private ownership, they created a situation in which no one among them was needy. All members of the community had what they needed, or if they didn't have it, they got it from the community.

The passage from Acts does not attempt to impose on us a specific economic system. Rather, it tells us that whatever economic system the followers of Jesus Christ espouse, it had better be a system that provides for the needs of all the people.

A well-ordered human society requires that men recognize and observe their mutual rights and duties. It also demands that each contribute generously to the establishment of a civic order in which rights and duties are progressively more sincerely and effectively acknowledged and fulfilled. It is not enough, for example, to acknowledge and respect every man's right to the means of subsistence. One must also strive to insure that he actually has enough in the way of food and nourishment.

Pope John XXIII, *Pacem in Terris*,

# The People's Mass

7 April 2024  
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
(Divine Mercy Sunday) / B

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer, but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.  
Happy are those who have not seen and  
yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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,  
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.  
Lift up your hearts.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And with your spirit,  
We lift them up to the Lord.  
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, / hallowed be thy name; / thy kingdom come, / thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. / Give us this day our daily bread, / and forgive us our trespasses, / as we forgive those who trespass against us; / and lead us not into temptation, / but deliver us from evil.  
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**  
Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,  
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.  
(*Cf. Jn 20:27*)

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

**Entrance Antiphon**  
(1 Pt 2:2)  
Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure spiritual milk,  
that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.  
In the name of the Father, ...  
The grace of our Lord ...  
And with your spirit.  
Amen.

**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.

**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**  
(Acts 4:32-35)  
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.  
The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.  
The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.  
None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the

money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.  
The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
(Ps 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24)  
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
1. Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let the sons of Aaron say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let those who fear the Lord say:  
'His love has no end.' R

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.  
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,  
but not doomed to die. R

3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad. R

**SECOND READING**  
(1 Jn 5:1-6)  
A reading from the first letter of St John.  
Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.  
The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
(Jn 20:29)  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'  
Alleluia!  
**GOSPEL**  
(Jn 20:19-31)  
The Lord be with you.  
And with your spirit,  
Glory to you, O Lord.  
according to John.  
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