



NEWSLETTER

JAN 26TH. 3RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR.

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ST. JOSEPH'S, RATHWIRE.

Saturday 25th, 6pm. Liam Murphy MM.

Sunday 26th, 11.30am. Joan Loran MM. Angela Cooney, Knockmant.

Sunday 2nd, 11.30am. Tommy Dempsey & Breda & family members. Tommy Kavanagh. Olive Greene.


Jim Gorman & Parents Frank & Maureen & dec.d family, Knockmant.

ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.

Sunday 26th, 10am. Sean Swords MM.

Sunday 2nd, 10am. Sr. Teresa Shaw.

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

<p>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</p> 	<p>In St. Joseph's Tuesday 1pm-9pm. & St. Brigid's Wed. 5pm-10pm: <i>Special Diocesan intention of prayer for vocations and the family.</i> Take one Hour with the Lord</p>
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MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: €557
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND €606

RIP; Bridget Mitchell, Raharney. Funeral Tuesday 11am.

St. Camillus Church: Mass on Thurs at 8pm with special prayer for healing.

Confirmation: will be celebrated this week for the students from the primary schools. Please remember them in your prayers.

A Right to Justice

Jesus stood up in his home town and announced his program: to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, recovery of sight to the blind and release to prisoners. It may not sound particularly religious to some, but it was a program established by one who had returned to Galilee "in the power of the Spirit."

Sunday's liturgy juxtaposes the story of Jesus reading in the synagogue with the story of Ezra reading the law to people upon their return from exile. The suggestion is that Jesus' program is a kind of law, a rule that should govern our lives. Bringing good news to the poor, liberating people from all their oppressions, this is not some optional activity that one can engage in only if one is inclined. It is "the law of the Lord," it is the program for which we have all been anointed.

The unity and peace we pray for at the beginning of Mass will only come if Jesus' followers accept his program as their own.

In his plan of salvation. God gave Israel its law. ... Of this collection of laws, love of God above all things and of neighbour as oneself already constitute the centre.

But the justice which must govern relations between people, and the law which is its juridical expression, also belong to the sum and substance of the biblical law. ... It is in this context that one should appreciate the biblical law's care for the poor, the needy, the widow and the orphan: They have a right to justice according to the juridical ordinances of the people of God.

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith,

The People's Mass

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Antiphon (Cf. Ps 95:1.6)

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

In the name of the Father, ... **Amen.**
The grace of our Lord ... And with your spirit.

Penitential Act
Brethren (brothers and sisters), ...

A brief pause for silence follows.

I confess to almighty God ...
May almighty God have mercy on us, ... **Amen.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, 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 (Neh 8:2-6.8-10)

A reading from the book of Nehemiah.
Ezra the priest brought the Law before the
assembly, consisting of men, women, and children
old enough to understand. This was the first day of
the seventh month. On the square before the Water
Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and
children old enough to understand, he read from the
book from early morning till noon; all the people
listened attentively to the Book of the Law.
Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for
the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he
stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the
book; and when he opened it all the people stood

up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and
all the people raised their hands and answered,
'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to
the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord.
And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and
giving the sense, so that the people understood
what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest
and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the
people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to
the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not
weep.' For the people were all in tears as they
listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine,
and send a portion to the man who has nothing
prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord.
Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 18:8-10.15)

- R Your words are spirit, Lord,
and they are life.**
1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **R**
 2. The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. **R**
 3. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **R**
 4. May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock! **R**

SECOND READING (1 Cor 12:12-30)
(Shorter Form)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul
to the Corinthians.
Just as a human body, though it is made up of many
parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though
many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one
Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks,
slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given
to us all to drink.

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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.

Sanctus **It is right and just.**
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.**

Communion Antiphon (Cf. Ps 33:6)
**Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.**

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its
many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but
each of you is a different part of it.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Lk 4:18)
Alleluia, alleluia!
The Lord has sent me to bring the Good News to
the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21)
The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

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

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw
up accounts of the events that have taken place
among us, exactly as these were handed down to
us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses
and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully
going over the whole story from the beginning, have
decided to write an ordered account for you,
Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how
well founded the teaching is that you have received.
Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned
to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the
countryside. He taught in their synagogues and
everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up,
and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as
he usually did. He stood up to read, and they
handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah.
Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is
written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he
has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good
news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and
to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free,
to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the
assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the syna-
gogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak
to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as
you listen.'

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