



NEWSLETTER

MAY 12TH. ASCENSION OF THE LORD.

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ST. JOSEPH'S, RATHWIRE.

Sunday 12th, 11.30am. Dympna Rourke. Ollie & Emma Ayres. Johnny & Marcella Gilsean.
Eddie Deihy & dec.d family members.

Sunday 19th, 11.30am. Joe & Julia McDonagh. Mary Bowe nee Mooney.

ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.

Sunday 19th, 10am. Josie Bray.

Weekday Masses; Rathwire Fri. 9am.

MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: €588
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND €605

RIP; Joe McDonagh, Dublin. Husband of
Helen McGuane, Derrymore.

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

Rosary: will be prayed at the Grotto in Raharney each Friday evening in May at 7pm. All welcome.

Cemetery Sunday: Sunday 16th June, at 3pm.

Love and Leadership

The readings for the Seventh Sunday of Easter are about community, and specifically about two unifying elements within community: love and leadership. Love binds the Christian community together, for "if we love one another, God dwells in us," and we partake of the unity of the Godhead.

The leadership of the apostles and their successors also binds the Christian community together, and the story of the choosing of Matthias reminds us of the importance of that leadership.

In 1991 we celebrated the centenary of Catholic social teaching, a collection of statements made by the most recent successors of the apostles. This body of teaching reflects the love of God and neighbor spoken of in the [Second Reading](#) and the consecration to truth spoken of in the [Gospel](#).

It is a recognition by those "chosen for the apostolic ministry" that Christians have been sent into the world to work within that world for "the unveiling of beauty that is yet to be."

The apostles were witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus. Their successors continue to witness to the action of Jesus rescuing us from the deadly evils of oppression and war.

Catholic social teaching is a powerful and liberating message in a world of stark contradictions: a world of inspiring new freedom and lingering oppression, of peaceful change and violent conflict, of remarkable economic progress for some and tragic misery and poverty for many others.

Our teaching is a call to conscience, compassion, and creative action in a world confronting the terrible tragedy of widespread abortion, the haunting reality of hunger and homelessness, and the evil of continuing prejudice and poverty.

Our teaching lifts up the moral and human dimensions of major public issues, examining 'the signs of the times' through the values of the Scriptures, the teaching of the Church, and the experience of the People of God.

U.S. Bishops, [A Century of Social Teaching](#):

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,

And on earth, peace to people of goodwill

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 the Father almighty.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Only begotten Son.

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father:

You who 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 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

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Almighty ever-living God, who allow those on earth to celebrate divine mysteries, grant we pray, that Christian hope may draw us onward to where our nature is united with you. Through Christ our Lord.

No morning Mass

Celebrant: As we wait and watch for the Lord's return, with trust and hope, we bring our prayers before the Lord:

1. For the Church: may the Holy Spirit help us to recognise the diversity of charisms within the Christian community so they can renew the Church's missionary courage and zeal. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For all Christians: help them to lead lives worthy of their vocations, that they may witness 'to the ends of the earth' of the saving love of God. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For a spirit of gratitude in our lives: for the blessings of good health, faith, peace, security, and God's providential care. May we always give thanks to the God, the source of all blessing. **Lord, hear us.**
4. *'Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together'*. For peace in our world and an end to all war and conflict. Touch the minds and hearts of adversaries that they may seek the paths of lasting peace. **Lord, hear us.**
5. *'Proclaim the Good News to all creation'*. On this World Communications Day, we pray for all in the Church who communicate the saving truth of the Gospel. May they be diligent servants of the Word and conscientious champions of the truth. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For all who are sick, especially those in rehabilitation from accidents, addiction, or ill-health. Strengthen them on the road to recovery. Encourage them with a spirit of determination, self-confidence, and grace. **Lord, hear us.**
7. For all who have died; grant them eternal rest. **Lord, hear us.**

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, who raised your Son Jesus to heavenly glory, may our prayers rise before your throne of glory, and in your loving mercy be grant, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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