



NEWSLETTER

MAY 5TH, 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER.

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ST. JOSEPH'S, RATHWIRE.

Saturday 4th, 6pm. James Coyne MM. James O'Callaghan.

Sunday 5th, 11.30am. Frances Whelehan & sons Dermot, Justin & Matty.

Sunday 12th, 11.30am. Dympna Rourke. Annie & Emma Ayres. Johnny & Marcella Gilsenan.

Eddie Deihy & dec.d family members.

ST. BRIGID'S, RAHARNEY.

Sunday 5th, 10am. Lil, Cora, Patrick & Frank Gorman. John Mulvaney & his son Paddy.

Joseph & Kate McKeogh.

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

MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: €570
PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND €585

RIP: Pat Kangley, Corbetstown.

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.

Prayers for Exams: Next weekend at our Masses for all students undertaking exams.

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

Mullingar Choral Society Summer Concert 'May we Sing' on Sunday 5th in St. Pauls, Church, Mullingar, commencing at 7.30.

No Distinction

The theme of the two readings from John is love, and in the opening prayer we pray that we might "express in our lives the love we celebrate." The Johannine formula, used in both [1 John](#) and the [Gospel](#), is: "Love one another."

One might interpret this formula in terms of a false understanding of the Hebrew law: Love those who belong to your group and stay away from outsiders. The reading from [Acts](#), however, makes it clear that we are to love everyone without exception, for "God shows no partiality" and we are to pattern our love after God's love.

The generosity of the Spirit surprised the circumcised believers accompanying Peter. They had grown up believing that God favours some people over others.

They are not unlike the people of our day who look down on others, regarding as inferior all those whom they consider "Gentiles" (= outsiders): African Americans, Mexican Americans, Asian Americans, Native Americans, women, gays, the handicapped, the poor. Such favouritism does not bind the Spirit of God.

The Spirit will rescue the "insiders" from their hidden atheism by revealing God's love to everyone.

Liberation for the "outsiders" will also come from the Spirit, not from any action by the "insiders."

We cannot in truthfulness call upon that God who is the Father of all if we refuse to act in a brotherly way toward certain men, created though they be to God's image.

A man's relationship with God the Father and his relationship with his brother men are so linked together that Scripture says: 'He who does not love does not know God' ([1 Jn 4:8](#)).

The ground is therefore removed from every theory or practice which leads to a distinction between men or peoples in the matter of human dignity and the rights which flow from it.

As a consequence, the Church rejects, as foreign to the mind of Christ, any discrimination against men or harassment of them because of their race, colour, condition of life, or religion.

Vatican II, [Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions](#),