



# NEWSLETTER

MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>. PENTECOST SUNDAY.

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## ST. JOSEPH'S, RATHWIRE.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>, 11.30am. Joe & Julia McDonagh. Mary Bowe nee Mooney.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>, 6pm. Patrick McCarthy MM, (Great Down). Kevin Heffernan & Breda Dempsey Heffernan & dec.d family members. Danial & Bridgid Carey.

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

**MASS OFFERTORY COLLECTION: €575**  
**PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND €560**

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 16<sup>th</sup> June, at 3pm.

## People of God

The sinful spirit of the world divides and separates people; the Spirit of Christ unites people and brings them together. It was the sinful spirit of the world that caused the people of Babel to become confused and scattered. The Spirit of Christ, on the other hand, enabled people to understand those who were different from them.

What would happen if we carried the Spirit of Christ into the sinful structures of the world? What if we brought the Spirit of Christ into the dead bones of our broken relationships among races and sexes and cultures and regions of the world? Wouldn't those dead bones rise to life, as in Ezekiel's prophecy, if we were able to breathe into them the Spirit of Christ!

Paul wrote to the Romans that "all creation groans and is in agony." We long for unity, and so we pray that the Spirit may "unite the races and nations on earth and disperse the divisions of word and tongue." We Christians "have been given to drink of the one Spirit," whom the sequence names "Father of the poor."

When we have done away with the human divisions represented by the poor, then, indeed, the Spirit shall have renewed the face of the earth, and we shall be able to say to people, as Jesus did, "Peace be with you." All are called to be part of this catholic unity of the People of God, a unity which is harbinger of the universal peace it promotes. And there belongs to it, or are related to it in various ways, the Catholic faithful as well as all who believe in Christ, and indeed the whole of mankind. For all are called to salvation by the grace of God.

Vatican II, [\*Dogmatic Constitution on the Church\*](#),

## **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

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast, sanctify your Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with divine grace that was at work when the gospel was first preached, fill now once more the hearts of believers. 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.

O God, who bestow the heavenly gifts upon your Church, safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given, that the gifts of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her may attain all its force and that this spiritual food may gain her abundance of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

**Celebrant:** As we gather this Pentecost Sunday, we pray for a fresh outpouring of the Spirit on our world that the face of the earth will be renewed.

1. For the Church on Her synodal journey: trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit to lead and guide, may all who journey together nurture the Body of Christ in the light of Truth. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For all believers: may the Holy Spirit '*rest*' on each of them. May they courageously '*witness*' to the hope that is within them. **Lord. Hear us.**
3. For creation: as stewards of the earth, entrusted with care for its creatures and resources, may we exercise this duty with the power of the Spirit to transform and renew the face of the earth. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For peace: may the Holy Spirit touch the hearts of adversaries and bless their work in seeking a peaceful resolution where "nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore". **Lord, hear us.**
5. For all who are sick or suffering, that the Holy Spirit will bring them strength, comfort, and healing. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For children receiving their First Holy Communion: may the Spirit draw them more deeply into communion with Christ through His Body and Blood. **Lord, hear us.**
7. You raised your Son from the dead by the power of the Spirit; give to those who have died the life that has no end. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** God our Father, open our hearts to the gifts of your Spirit that we may always walk in the light of your presence. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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