

PARISH OF RASHARKIN – ST. MARY’S AND ST. COLUMBA’S

11th and 12th June 2022: The Most Holy Trinity (Year C)

Reflection: Glory to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

The Spirit glorifies the Son of the eternal Father, and today we in the Spirit give glory to God, for the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

SUNDAY OBLIGATION

As Christians, we remember the commandment of God to keep holy the Sabbath day and to celebrate the Eucharist “in memory of me”. For that reason, Catholics are obliged to come to Mass on Sundays and holy days (or their vigils) unless they have a serious reason. The obligation was temporarily removed during the pandemic but is now restored from Easter Sunday (17th April 2022).

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NORMAL WEEKEND MASS TIMES: St. Mary’s, Rasharkin, Vigil Mass: **Saturday 6.30 pm. Sunday: 9am and 11am.**

NORMAL WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at **10am.**

HOLY HOUR will be every **Wednesday from 7pm to 8pm**, during which there will be an opportunity for Confessions in the Sacristy.

ROSARY: Monday to Friday before 10am Mass.

BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS: by arrangement with Fr Luke.

Any changes to above will be announced at Masses

Children’s Liturgy once a month at the Saturday Vigil 6.30pm Family Mass. **Next Family Mass: 11th June (please note change of date).**

We pray for the recently deceased and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they Rest in Peace.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL Thank you to everyone for your continued support. Anyone needing assistance should contact any member of the Conference – Contact numbers: 07590660354 / 07743371216 / 29571392. Numbers are also displayed in the Church porches and in local shops.

COLLECTIONS: Offertory £797; £1243. Stipend £637. **Grateful thanks to all who contributed.**

APOSTOLIC WORK – there will be a church door collection on 26th June.

RASHARKIN PARISH MINISTRIES: Your Parish needs you to volunteer for ALL the parish ministries (Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Children’s Liturgy, Parish Hall Committee, envelope counters, etc.) Please contact Fr Luke if you wish to become involved. The return of Altar Servers will be progressed through the primary school.

Saints for this week: **Monday 13th June** – St Anthony of Padua, priest and doctor of the Church. **Tuesday 14th June** – St Davnet, virgin. **Thursday 16th June** – St Richard of Chichester, bishop.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 13th to 18th July 2022. Full details in Church porch and on the booking form. Contact the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 9077 0162 or email: lourdes@downandconnor.org

FIRST SATURDAYS HOLY HOUR in St Mary’s Church, Rasharkin on the first Saturday of each month from 1.30pm to 2.30pm. See notice in Church Porch.

ADORATION: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is available in the Adoration Oratory during Chapel opening times. To avail of this wonderful opportunity, just pull back the round flap on the front of the tabernacle to reveal the Blessed Host. On leaving, if no one else is present, please close the flap back over again. Thank you. It is hoped that many will take even a few precious moments to spend time in the presence of Jesus.

Prayer for the Synod 2021-2023:

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts. Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find You in our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer for Mary’s Meals (marysmeals.org.uk):

Our Father, give us this day our daily bread and forgive us for the times when we take more than our share of the bread that belongs to all. Let us help You fill the starving with good things, not with scraps from our table. Teach us how to share what is not ours to keep. Clothe us with Your love that we may complete each good work You created us to do. Place in our hearts Your compassion for each starving child and use our little acts of love so that they starve no more. Amen

Lough Derg: To book or for information, email: info@loughderg.org or 00353 71 9861518. Pettigo, Co Donegal, F94 N289

National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock: Saturday 18th June (Corpus Christi weekend) leaving Belfast City Centre at 6.15 am. Cost £22, bring a packed lunch. Contact Harriet 07812 098991 or Maureen 07745 093530 to inquire or book a seat. More information at: www.eucharisticadoration.ie

CONSECRATION TO OUR MOTHER MARY - You are welcome to join this consecration at any time.

Every Saturday, through to December 2022, a short reading or ‘Star’ (for each of the 46 stars on the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe) will be sent by email, WhatsApp and added to the Facebook group Mary’s Mantle 2022. Join the community in consecrating our lives to Mother Mary, by sending your details to: consecrationtomothermary@gmail.com, mobile: 07599387887, or the Facebook group. Along with meditating on the short reading, you are invited to pray at least 1 Rosary, and fast or abstain for 1 day (e.g. from social media, TV, chocolate) each week.

20th Star FAITH (one of the three Theological Virtues)

In the vicissitudes of life, any one of us may unexpectedly be under fire by a squadron of arguments, illnesses, disruptions, injustices, and/or misfortunes. We naturally search for causes and consequences, logical explanations mixed with suspicions and conjectures, and we attribute and distribute blame in all directions. As a result of our analyses, there arises a violent reaction within our hearts; impulses of fury, discouragement, and revenge are quickly released. . . And thus continues the ancient story of the vast majority of humanity. Against this way of analysing and responding, which sinks mankind into the kingdom of animals, there is a view that telescopes below the surface of things and sees reality through the lens of faith. Our only enduring consolation is this vision wherein we peacefully accept life’s inevitabilities, seeing behind all appearances the Hand which designs and coordinates, permits and oversees everything that happens in the world. If we but catch a glimpse of the power and tenderness of the Father, Who allows this or that misfortune because it will bring about a greater good, then tensions calm, nerves relax, and rebellion transforms into peace. No unexpected event or painful emergency in the world can shatter the emotional and spiritual stability of those who live in the light of great faith. They are invincible.

18th and 19th June 2022 Corpus Christi – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Year C)

Reflection: The Priesthood of Melchizedek

Like Melchizedek of old, we bring bread and wine to the altar. Christ, through the action of the Holy Spirit, transforms them into His own body and blood so that we may all experience in ourselves the fruits of redemption.

Saints for this week: **Sunday 19th June** – St Romuald, abbot. **Monday 20th June** – the Irish Martyrs; St Alban, martyr; Saints Alban, Julius and Aaron, protomartyrs of Britain. **Tuesday 21st June** – St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious. **Wednesday 22nd June** – St Paulinus of Nola, bishop; Sts John Fisher, bishop and Thomas More, martyrs. **Thursday 23rd June** – The birth of St John the Baptist; St Etheldreda (Audrey), virgin. **Friday 24th June** – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Irish Pilgrimage Guide: “An Irish Pilgrimage Guide to the Holy Land” is a new book by Michael Kelly, editor of The Irish Catholic newspaper. He hopes the book can act as an ‘armchair retreat’ for people who cannot travel to the Holy Land, bringing the Gospel to life for them. It is available now from all good bookshops and www.columbabooks.com. Price €16.99/£14.99

Rachel’s Vineyard offer weekend retreats to help people who have been involved in abortions in the past. For more information check <http://www.rachelsvineyard.ie> or phone 00353 87859 2877.

CONSECRATION TO OUR MOTHER MARY

21st Star COUNSEL (one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit)

“When they hand you over, do not worry about how to you are to speak or what you are to say. For it will not be you who speak but the Spirit of Your Father speaking through you.” (Mt 10:19). The world needs people with the gift of counsel, witnesses to the commandments, to all that Christ taught us. With the gift of counsel, a person can judge rightly and promptly. The Holy Spirit instantly enlightens the heart regarding what he is to say or do, and through His gift, the Spirit wishes to advise others—even when the message may be wildly unpopular. The problem is, we, as Catholics, often lack character. We see all about us things that appal and distress our souls, yet we remain mute. Has God not given us tongues and the gift of speech? Then we must speak. Has God not given us multiple and creative means of communicating His Truth with love? Then we must share it. And if the Holy Spirit does not prompt us with strong words against a wrongdoing in a particular moment, then He asks us to address Him quietly within our hearts, calling down merciful rain from heaven upon the offenders. By this, we will win merits for ourselves and nourish the soil of their soul. Quite simply, we need to form solid, Christ-like characters. Our mere presence should be a form of counsel. It should be enough to signal that certain types of behaviour and conversations are good and others are not acceptable. To say it another way: A mother is in a room with her baby, who is just beginning to crawl. The little child sees a fire in the corner of the room and delights in the sparks. She says to herself, “I must go over and play with that!” The little child crawls toward the heat and the light, and the mother suddenly sees where she is headed. She knows that if she doesn’t reach her before the girl reaches the fire, her daughter will get burned, and the mother acts, even though the child will likely misunderstand the mother’s goodwill and intent. A mother looks out for all her children in this way. She makes herself aware of the appealing, bright traps that the evil one is setting for them. What the children are seeing may appear attractive, but if they dive into its flames, they are going to get hurt.

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PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE A REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF BULLETINS OVER THE SUMMER MONTHS.