

**Church of Mary Immaculate, Refuge of Sinners, Rathmines**  
**Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2017**

**Theme:** Everything we are leads us in Christ to understanding, compassion and mercy for others, even when they hurt us or anger us.

**Entrance BECAUSE HE CARES**

Whenever we sing your praise, together our voices raise  
Giving you thanks for everything that you have done  
Born as a child for us, you gave up your life for us  
You are our Lord, because we believe, you are the one

Ch:     And if ever we may fall, we don't even have to call  
          Because Jesus, Lord of all, is already there  
          Because He cares

In all of our friends we see the love and the unity  
That we receive because we believe and trust in you  
Whatever the time of day, whatever we do or say  
We can just try to live the way you told us to

*Chorus*

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**First reading** Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19 You are mild in judgement: you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous must be kindly to their neighbour.



**Psalm HE AIN'T HEAVY**

The road is long with many a winding turn  
That leads us to who knows where, who knows when  
But I'm strong, strong enough to carry him  
He ain't heavy, he's my brother

So on we go, his welfare is my concern  
No burden is he to bear, we'll get there  
For I know he will not encumber me  
He ain't heavy, he's my brother

If I'm laden at all, I'm laden with sadness  
That everyone's heart isn't filled with gladness  
Of love for one another

It's a long, long road from which there is no return  
While we're on our way to there, why not share  
For God knows, he doesn't weigh me down at all  
He ain't heavy, he's my brother, he's my brother, he's my brother.

**Second reading** Romans 8: 26-27. The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness.

**Gospel** Matthew 13: 24-43. "The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through"

**Offertory TROUBLED TIMES**

It takes all the things within you, it takes your heart and it takes mine

It takes love to be forgiven, living in these troubled times

When it rains on the rain, and it snows in the Spring  
You're reminded again, it's just a "March of the Dimes"  
Living in these troubled times

It brings you down to buy a paper, if you read between the lines

No one seems to have the answer, living in these troubled times

Still you try and you try, and you do what you must do  
It's a "March of the Dimes", living in these troubled times  
And loving in these troubled times

[x2]

It takes a man, it takes a woman, it takes your heart and it takes mine

It takes love to be forgiven, living in these troubled times  
[x2]

**Acclamation IN LOVE FOR ME (This Is My Body)**

This is my body, broken for you, Bringing you wholeness, making you free

Take it and eat it, and when you do, do it in love for me

This is my blood poured out for you, Bringing forgiveness, making you free

Take it and drink it and when you do, do it in love for me, do it in love for me

**Communion HEAL THE WORLD**

There's a place in your heart and I know that it is love  
And this place could be much brighter than tomorrow  
And if you really try, you'll find there's no need to cry  
In this place you'll feel there's no hurt or sorrow  
There are ways to get there, If you care enough for the living

Make a little space, Make a better place

Ch: Heal the world, make it a better place  
For you and for me and the entire human race  
There are people dying, If you care enough for the living  
Make a better place for you and for me

And the dream we were conceived in will reveal a joyful face  
And the world we once believed in will shine again in grace  
Then why do we keep strangling life, wound this earth, crucify its soul  
Though it's plain to see this world is heavenly, Be God's glow

We could fly so high, let our spirits never die  
In my heart I feel you are all my brothers  
Create a world with no fear, Together we'll cry happy tears  
See the nations turn their swords into ploughshares  
We could really get there, If you cared enough for the living  
Make a little space, To make a better place

*Chorus x3*

you and for me, you and for me, you and for me

**Reflection:**

Our talents are a gift; our use of talents is a gift; what we get in this world by our efforts is a gift; all a gift: our hard work, if we do it, is just an acknowledgement of the gift, and that acknowledgement is a gift. We owe for everything; and everything we have from Christ will in Christ lead us to reach out, help, give and forgive, lead us to see the good amidst the hurt and the injury given to others and to ourselves, and with God's help bring us and our country closer to justice.

**Recessional BEAUTIFUL CITY**

Come sing me sweet rejoicing, come sing me love  
We're not afraid of voicing, all the things we're dreaming of  
Oh, high and low and everywhere we go

Ch: We can build a beautiful city, yes we can, yes we can  
We can build a beautiful city, and call it ours  
Call it the city of man

We don't need alabaster, we don't need chrome  
We've got a special plaster  
Take my hand, I'll take you home  
We see nations rise in each other's eyes

*Chorus*

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*Chorus*

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