

**Sunday 5th October 2014**  
**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**Message from the Parish Council**

The Parish Council invites you to join them in organising contributions for a farewell presentation to Fr. Martin O'Shea. Contribution envelopes may be dropped into our Parish Office during the week and in collection baskets at weekends. Contributions should reach our Parish Office by **Wednesday 15th October**.

Many thanks,  
*Veronica Sweeney, Chairperson.*

Next meeting of the **Parish Pastoral Council** will take place on Tuesday 7th October 2014 at 7:30p.m..

**Pioneer Total Abstinence Association**

Application for membership and general enquiries about the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association can be made today from 11:30a.m. to 12:30p.m. in the Conference Room at the side of the Church.

**Age Friendly Raheny ~ Public Consultation**

Would you like to contribute to the plan to make Raheny more age friendly? If you are over 55, you are invited to share your views at a consultation event on **Wednesday 15th October 2014** from 11a.m. to 12:45p.m. in C.A.R.A Hall, All Saints Drive. Further details from Fiona Kirby, Dublin City Council at (01) 2228842.

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Is 25:6-10, Ps 22 R V.6, Phil 4:12-14 & 19-20, Mt. 22:1-14



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**The Deep End ~ Family Matters**

Pope Francis has called a synod of the Bishops this October to discuss some of the challenges facing the family. That synod starts today, with the theme 'The pastoral challenges of the family in the context of evangelisation'. Were you one of the thousands of Catholics from around the world who took part in the Vatican's survey on matters such as marriage, contraception, same-sex marriage, and divorce? The Pope has asked us to pray for the Bishops as they enter this important time for the Church: 'May we all, then, pray together so that through these events the church will undertake a true journey of discernment and adopt the necessary pastoral means to help families face their present challenges with the light and strength that comes from the Gospel'. Let us keep the Synod in our thoughts and prayers over the next fortnight.

Many of us know challenges in our families. We face all sorts of everyday worries about health and money, as well as bigger fears about the future. Saint Paul has some comforting words for today: 'There is no need to worry; but if there is something you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.'

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**Mass Intentions for this week**

<b>Sat:</b>	<b>6.00p.m.</b>	Jack Moore (M. Mind) Maureen Cruise (1st Anniv.)
<b>Sun:</b>	<b>8.30a.m.</b>	Pro Populo
	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	John Walsh (Anniv.)
	<b>11.30a.m.</b>	May Kane (Anniv.)
<b>Mon:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	
<b>Tues:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Liam O'Flynn (Rec. Dec'd)
<b>Wed:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Noel Duffy (Rec. Dec'd)
<b>Thurs:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Máiréad Rutledge (Anniv.)
<b>Fri:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Thomas & Margaret Mulrooney (Anniv.)
<b>Sat:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Eleanor Ryan (Anniv.)

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Patrick Keating** and **Peggy O'Higgins** who died recently. We also remember the late **Bert Horan**, whose Funeral Mass will take place in our Church on Monday next. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

**Rosary Sunday**

To celebrate Rosary Sunday today (5th October), the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, Harold's Cross will pray the full Rosary during Eucharistic Adoration for the intention of the Family & the Synod on the Family, commencing at 3p.m. All welcome.

**Blessing For Expectant Mothers**

A Special Blessing for Expectant Mothers will take place on **Wednesday 8th October 2014** at 8p.m. in Our Lady of Mercy Church, Brookwood Avenue, Artane.