

CHURCH OF OUR LADY MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE, Raheny
 21st September 2008 - Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle A Week 2

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Liturgy Meeting next Tuesday morning 23rd September at 10.30am in the Candle Room.

St. Fintan's High School Sutton is holding an **Information Evening** for primary school pupils and their parents on Thursday 25th September from 7.30pm to 9pm.

The Carers Association invites you to join the *Care in the Home* Training Course. A new course will be starting on 3rd October 2008 for family carers and those wishing to pursue a career in caring. The course will take place in The Donahies Community School. Please phone either Michelle or Jacqueline at 8119564 for more details and an application form.

A gentle and encouraging **Retreat Day** facilitated by Sally Hyland, SJG will focus on becoming more at home with oneself and God, growing in inner freedom. Taking place at the Stella Maris Retreat Centre, Carrickbrack Road, Baily, Howth this day includes prayer, input, Eucharist, personal space, 3 course lunch and coffee breaks in an idyllic setting. Cost €40. For bookings contact Sally on 087 6226620. All welcome.

This weekend's Church Gate Collection is in aid of **Crosscare** - Catholic Social Service Conference.

Questions People Ask

Q. I am old and tired. My wife and friends have passed away. Is it wrong to ask God to take me soon?

A. Your question is one that Saint Paul wrestles with in the Second Reading at Mass today. Part of him longs to be gone and to be with Christ in heaven but he is willing to continue to serve God on earth for as long as God desires. There is nothing wrong in wanting to be gone from "this valley of tears". Christian hope makes us look forward eagerly to all that God has in store for those who love him. But, like Saint Paul, let us accept the time God gives us as an opportunity to serve God on earth.

Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap

The Raheny branch of the **Order of Malta** are currently recruiting boys and girls aged 10 to 16 years to their Cadet Unit. If you would like to learn first aid, make new friends and have fun please come to an Information Evening on Monday 22nd September at 7.30pm at the Day Hospital beside Raheny Hospice. For further information please contact Siobhan on 087 1264041

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

A training programme for those wishing to accompany adults preparing for baptism into the Catholic Church will take place in Clonliffe College on the 4 Tuesdays of October from 7.45pm to 9.45pm. If anyone is interested in being considered for a place on this training programme, representing Raheny Parish, please contact one of the priests.

Next Sunday's Readings Ezek 18:25-28. Ps 24. Phil 2:1-11. Mt 21:23-32

Thank you to parishioners who contributed to last weeks **SHARE** collection which totalled €1515.

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Vigil | 6.00pm | John Paul Keeley (1st Anniv.) and his father Andy Keeley |
| Sun. | 8.30am | Pro Populo |
| | 10.00am | Brendan O'Reilly (Anniv.) |
| | 11.30am | Thomas Farrelly (Anniv.) |
| Mon. | 7.30am | Alice Culhane (Anniv.) and deceased members of the Ryan family |
| | 10.00am | Elizabeth & Patrick Larkin and Florence Dicker (Anniv.) |
| Tues. | 7.30am | Sean O'Rourke (Rec. Dec'd) |
| | 10.00am | Maureen McBride (Rec. Dec'd) |
| Wed. | 7.30am | Ita Tóibín (Rec'd Dec'd) |
| | 10.00am | Douglas Cassidy (Rec'd Dec'd) |
| Thurs. | 7.30am | Denis O'Connor (Rec'd Dec'd) |
| | 10.00am | James & Margaret Lynch (Anniv.) |
| Fri. | 7.30am | Bernie Coffey (Rec'd Dec'd) |
| | 10.00am | William & Mary Drumgoole (Anniv.) |
| Sat. | 9.40am | Morning Prayer of the Church |
| | 10.00am | Patrick & Hannah Kelly (Anniv.) |

Feast Days This Week

Tuesday 23rd - St Pius of Pietrelcine (Padre Pio) and St. Eunan

Thursday 25th - St Finbar

Friday 26th - Ss Cosmos and Damian

Saturday 16th - St Vincent de Paul