

CHURCH OF OUR LADY MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE

Raheny

10th January 2010 The Baptism of the Lord Cycle C Week 2



Sincere thanks to all parishioners who contributed to last weekend's **SHARE** collection which totalled €1,340 and last Wednesday's **SHARE** collection which totalled €805.

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls **Elizabeth Dowling, Gladys Dunne** and **Larry McGearthy** who all died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Confirmation Programme

We are running a parish programme of preparation for Confirmation. Young people attending the parish schools have already registered for it. If there are other boys/girls in the parish, making their confirmation this year who attend schools outside the parish who would like to take part in this programme, please leave your name and phone number in the sacristy.

A **Baptism Preparation** meeting will take place on Tuesday 12th December at 8pm in the sacristy for Baptism on Saturday 16th January.

Next Sunday's Readings : Is 62:1-5. Ps 95. 1
Cor 12:4-11. Jn 2:1-11

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MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00pm Kay Mullen R.I.P.
Sun	8.30am Pro Populo
	10.00am Noel & David Flynn (Anniv.)
	11.30am Grace O'Doherty (1st Anniv.)
	5.00pm Seamus O'Seacnasai (Anniv.)
Mon.	10.00am Deceased members of the O'Brien family
Tues.	10.00am Margaret Hoey (Anniv.)
Wed.	10.00am Norah Gilmartin (Anniv.)
Thurs.	10.00am Denis & Josephine Flavin (Anniv.)
Fri.	10.00am Lilian Brennan (Anniv.)
Sat.	9.40am Morning Prayer of the Church
	10.00am Seamus Lynch (R.I.P.)

There will be no 7.30am mass this week

Questions People Ask

Q. What do you think of postponing the Baptism of children until they are old enough to make their own decision?

A. Depriving a child of Baptism shows a very poor regard for the treasures of Christian life. Baptism is the first of the sacraments of Christian Initiation, the others being Confirmation and First Communion. Initiation into Christian beliefs, values, thoughts and behaviour begins in early childhood. A Christian home is the ideal setting. Parents who value their faith and Church membership would desire to pass on this faith to their children as much as they would seek the best schooling and medical care for them.

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