

CHURCH OF OUR LADY MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE, Raheny

16th October 2011 Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle A Week 1

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MASS INTENTIONS

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| Vigil | 6.00pm Bernadette Moles |
| Sun | 8.30am Pro Populo |
| | 10.00am Tommy O'Neill |
| | 11.30am Esther Crimmins |
| Mon. | 7.30am Special Intention |
| | 10.00am Martin Connor (R.I.P.) |
| Tues. | 7.30am Deceased members of the Gill family |
| | 10.00am Bridget & William Barron (Anniv.) |
| Wed. | 7.30am Marie Prendergast (Rec. Dec.) |
| | 10.00am Mary & Laurence Wogan (Anniv) |
| Thurs. | 7.30am Deceased members of the Brady family |
| | 10.00am Michael McCabe (R.I.P.) |
| Fri. | 7.30am Lily & William O'Dwyer (Anniv.) |
| | 10.00am John Hardy (Rec. Dec.) |
| Sat. | 9.40am Morning Prayer of the Church |
| | 10.00am Ciss & Anne Chambers and Jane Mulholland (Anniv.) |

Shared Masses from November
 The 6pm Vigil Mass on the first week of each month will be a shared mass for month's mind.
 The 6pm Vigil Mass on the second week of each month will be a shared mass for first anniversaries.

What is the Old Testament?
 Why is the Old Testament read at Mass?
 Where and When did it all happen?
 What can we know about the Abraham, the Exodus, King David, the Prophets etc.?
 The Role and Importance of Women in the Bible
 Other questions that may arise.

A 6 Week Exploration of the Old Testament
An introductory course for beginners over 6 nights:
 Venue - St. Brigid's Resource Centre, Killester. Thursdays at 7.30pm : October 20th, 27th, Nov 3rd, 10th 17th, 24th.
Speaker : Msgr. Alex Stenson

The Deep End - Focus on what matters

Jesus' opponents in today's Gospel challenge Jesus as if they were asking for friendly advice on their taxes. It is a dangerous question because if Jesus gives a simple 'yes' or 'no' answer he risks losing popularity or being reported to the authorities. Jesus sees through these guys and delivers a brilliant response: 'Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.' This text has sometimes been used to argue that religion should stay out of politics, economics or culture but building a Kingdom of Justice requires that we are actively involved in those things. The world we live in is one that often falls short of the values of the Kingdom that Jesus preached. To be a witness to Jesus means that all aspects of our lives should be Kingdom focused and this includes whatever political, economical or cultural issues we are confronted with. The focus in this passage is getting our priorities straight. Give Caesar his taxes but do not forget what belongs to God i.e. things that are so important we cannot compromise them- family, friends, compassion, justice...

Jane Mellett



This weekend's Church Gate Collection is in aid of **St. Vincent de Paul**.

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls **Jimmy Dunne**, Watermill Drive and **Kathleen Neylon**, St. Assam's Ave, recently deceased. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Crosscare, the social care agency would like to thank all parishioners for their generous contribution to their annual collection which took place on 17th/18th September. The parish contributed €4690 which will help **Crosscare** to continue reaching out to the needy in the diocese.

We welcome **Jack William Callanan** who was baptised recently in our church. Congratulations to him and his family.

A meeting of the **Parish Pastoral Council** will take place on Monday 17th October at 7.30pm

We would be very grateful for some **volunteers** to help in cleaning the sacristy and adjoining room. 1hr per week. Please contact parish office.

Next Sunday's Readings : Ex 22:20-16. Ps 17. 1 Thess 1:5-10 Mt 9:1-8

Sincere thanks to all parishioners who contributed to last weekend's **SHARE** collection.