

## CHURCH OF OUR LADY MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE, Raheny

Sunday 8th January 2012 The Baptism of the Lord Cycle B Week 3



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Pauline Conaughton**, Maryville Road. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Santa Sabina, Dominican College, Sutton will be 100 years in September 2012. We are appealing to all past pupils to send us information and photographs that will help us put together a booklet to mark the centenary. There is a link on the school website [www.santasabina.ie](http://www.santasabina.ie) that will allow access to a questionnaire which focuses on specific areas about which we need information. Alternatively, general memories and photographs can be sent to [centenary@santasabina.ie](mailto:centenary@santasabina.ie)

Volunteers have an integral role to play in the success of the **50th International Eucharistic Congress (IEC2012)** in Ireland.

Volunteers are needed for the period of Wednesday 6th June until Tuesday 19th June 2012 for a minimum of five days. These dates include days before the Congress begins and days after the Congress closes. For further information check [www.iec2012.ie](http://www.iec2012.ie)

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### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Vigil</b>	6.00pm	Deirdre Carolan O'Regan (1st Anniv.) Margaret Grace (1st Anniv.)
<b>Sun</b>	8.30am	Pro Populo
	10.00am	Norah O'Riordan (Anniv.)
	11.30am	Grace O'Doherty (Anniv.)
<b>Mon.</b>	10.00am	Stephen Doran (Rec. Dec'd)
<b>Tues.</b>	10.00am	Denis & Josephine Flavin R.I.P.
<b>Wed.</b>	10.00am	Margaret Hoey (Anniv.)
<b>Thurs.</b>	10.00am	Eileen, James & Gerard Byrne and deceased members of their family (Anniv.)
<b>Fri.</b>	10.00am	Sr. Pauline Cannan (Rec. Dec'd)
<b>Sat.</b>	9.40am	Morning Prayer of the Church
	10.00am	Catherine Mackey (Anniv.)

There will be no 7.30am Mass until further notice.

Sincere thanks to all parishioners who contributed to last weekend's and Friday's **SHARE** collections.

*Next Sunday's Readings* : 1 Sam 3:3-10, 19. Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10, R/ vv8,9. 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20. Jn 1:35-42

The newsletter team are looking for volunteers please, to help produce the newsletter each week. We work on a rota basis and duties include collecting the information from the sacristy, typing up the newsletter (we use either MS word or MS Publisher) and printing it. It takes about 90 mins in all to produce, each member working on it once every four/five weeks. Please contact the parish office on 8313232 if you can help us out. Thank you.

### Christmas Coffee & Home Baked Treats

Many thanks to everyone who helped in making our, "Christmas Coffee and Home Baked Treats" which took place after the 10.30am mass on 18th December a great success. Thank you to all the children and adults who did fantastic baking of buns, cakes, biscuits etc. and to everyone who brought something on the day. Special thanks to those who served the teas and coffees, and put everything back in order before 11.30am mass. So many stayed and enjoyed the chat and the cuppa, and the chance of getting to know the people you see at mass each week. There was a super community spirit, plus we raised €165.16 for the children's charity Barnardo's, so success all round!

### Questions People Ask

*Q. The Gospel Mark will be used on Sundays this year. What should I look out for in Mark?*

A. Mark is a great storyteller with the gift of bringing the reader right into the heart of the action. You will read of Jesus establishing eye contact with people or reaching out to touch people. This is a great Gospel for the sort of meditation that asks you to put yourself into the scene and become part of the story. Mark moves the story forward at a great pace and develops a sense of drama. He presents Jesus as a victim of misunderstanding and rejection. It seems as if his mission was a failure as Jesus dies with a cry of desolation, 'My God, why have you forsaken me.' But just then, dramatic things happen and the Roman centurion declares Jesus to be the Son of God. There is a powerful message of hope in this portrait of Jesus in solidarity with those who suffer injustice, misunderstanding and rejection.

*Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap*