

CHURCH OF OUR LADY MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE, Raheny

Sunday 29th April 2012 Fourth Sunday of Easter Cycle B Week 4

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MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00pm Denis & Rosanna Dwyer (Anniv.)
Sun	8.30am Pro Populo
	10.00am Seamus McCarthy & Lily Cleary (Anniv.)
	11.30am William Barron (Anniv.)
Mon.	7.30am Tom Flynn (Anniv.)
	10.00am Ronnie Burke (Anniv.)
Tues.	7.30am Isabel Doon (Rec. Dec'd)
	10.00am John Forristal (Rec. Dec'd)
Wed.	7.30am Thomas Barry (Anniv.)
	10.00am Joseph & Bridget Carney (Anniv.)
Thurs.	7.30am John Cunnion (Anniv.)
	11.00am CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION
Fri.	7.30am Altar List of the Dead
	10.00am Altar List of the Dead
Sat.	9.40am Morning Prayer of the Church
	10.00am David Cagney (Anniv.)

Many thanks to all parishioners for your generous contributions to the collections at Sunday Mass.

Next Sunday's Readings : Acts 9:26-31. Ps 21:26-28, 30-32, R/ v 26. 1 Jn 3:18-24. Jn 15:1-8

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Jenny Copley**, Lough Derg Road and **Mary Thomas**, Watermill Drive whose funerals took place this week. May they rest in peace. Amen.



This week's **Church Gate Collection** is in Support of Students Preparing for the Priesthood.

50th International Eucharistic Congress

A talk by Rev. John Harris, O.P. entitled

“The Eucharist - The True Source of Renewal in the Church”

will take place in Wynn's Hotel, Lower Abbey Street on Sunday 29th April from 7.30pm to 9pm. It will be followed by a short discussion and a cup of tea. All are welcome.

Organised by the Legion of Mary, Bethlehem Curia.

This coming Friday is the 1st Friday of May. Mass will be celebrated at 7.30am and 10am. There is also the 1st Friday Holy Hour of Prayer between 3.30pm and 4.30pm in the Lady Chapel. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will continue all day and through Friday night until 6am on Saturday morning. (entrance through car park side door) Mass will be celebrated at 11pm in the Lady Chapel on Friday night.

The **Sunshine Fund** would like to thank most sincerely the congregation of Raheny for their generous contribution of €2879.69 on Palm Sunday.

The Deep End - The Good Shepherd

Social media is here to stay and a survey done in England recently has shown that more and more young people are lonely despite their hundreds of friends on social networking sites. Like this page, follow another, join this group, support this cause. The Gospel today refers to another kind of 'following' and emphasises the important of relationship. The shepherd knows his flock and cares for them. They follow him and this is not a reference to Facebook or Twitter... it is a genuine relationship, not one reduced to numbers or 'likes'. Everyone matters to the Good Shepherd, regardless of their situation.

Today's Gospel is asking us to follow in a more personal way. In Jesus' time, shepherds would round up their sheep in the evening and guide them into their pen. But it had no gate and the shepherd would have to lie across the space in case the sheep were attacked in the night. The shepherds literally lay down their lives for their flock. John compares this sacrifice to the 'hired hand' who is not really committed to the flock. He does what he has to but flees at the first sign of trouble (unfriend this person). So this Good Shepherd Sunday we use the image of the shepherd to describe Jesus, not just any shepherd but the 'genuine' Shepherd who wants a personal relationship with each one of us and who would lay down his life for us: 'No, I don't mean twitter, I mean literally 'follow me'.

Jane Mellett

Please keep in your prayers the girls from Scoil Aine and the boys from Scoil Assaim who will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 3rd May at 11am.

Please note that there will be no 10am mass on Thursday.