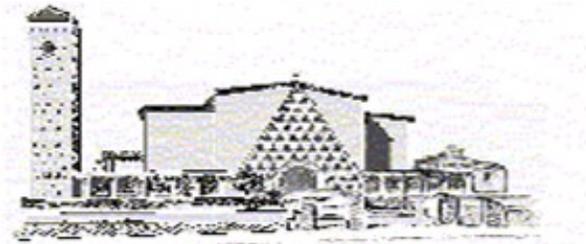


CHURCH OF OUR LADY MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE, Raheny
 Sunday 24th June 2012 The Nativity of St John the Baptist Cycle B Week 4

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MASS INTENTIONS



We rejoice at the coming of St. John the Baptist, a man of self-denial, integrity of life and purpose, and an uncompromising prophetic voice. John means, 'The Lord has shown favour.' This feast relates to the summer solstice, when the days begin to grow shorter, recalling John's words, 'He must increase, but I must decrease.'

Cemetery Sunday Masses

Fingal Cemetery 24th June
 Glasnevin Cemetery 24th June
 Dardistown Cemetery 1st July
 All masses start at 3pm

Sr. Regina wishes to thank the many people who supported the "K & K" raffle. Brother Kevin received €300 for the poor of our city and our mission in Kenya also received €300. Masses are being offered in the Pro Cathedral for a year for all your intentions. So thanks to everyone.

Congratulations to **Wanda Mulvaney and Daniel Masterson** who were married in our church last weekend. May they have a long and happy life together.

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

Questions People Ask

Q. Why are bonfires lit in parts of the country on St John the Baptist's Eve?

A. Bonfires on this night developed from the mid-summer festival when the sun reaches its highest glory but then begins to wane. That is how John the Baptist understood his mission in preparing the way for Christ. 'He must grow greater, I must grow less' (John 3:30). John the Baptist was the light destined to give way to the light of Christ. In a neat piece of counterpointing, the birth of Christ is celebrated just after mid-winters' day when the sun begins to return. Christ is the light come into the world as a tiny baby destined to grow. I remember an old lady who used to bless our bonfire on this night with the plant known as St John's Wort.

Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap

We welcome **Cian O'Neill, Shane Michael Costello and Rosalyn May Cahill** to our parish community, all of whom received the sacrament of Baptism last weekend. Congratulations to them and their families.

Feastdays This Week

Thursday 28th June - St. Irenaeus, bishop and martyr. St. Irenaeus lived just after the time of the apostles and knew those who had seen and talked with them. He became Bishop of Lyons, the largest trading centre in Gaul. The note of moderation, the desire to win people to Christianity by love rather than by fear, was apparent in all of Irenaeus' work.

Friday 29th June - Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles. On the day traditionally considered in pagan Rome to be its foundation by Romulus, we celebrate the twin founders of the birth of Rome. St. Peter died by crucifixion and St. Paul by beheading between 64-67.

Vigil	6.00pm Marie & George Fields (Anniv.)
Sun	8.30am Pro Populo
	10.00am Sarah Heneghan and Ann & James Fahey (Anniv.)
	11.30am Golden Wedding Anniversary
Mon.	7.30am Mrs Mooney (Rec. Dec'd)
	10.00am Ciaran Lynch (Rec. Dec'd)
Tues.	7.30am Frank McAdam (Rec. Dec'd)
	10.00am Patrick Kennedy (Anniv.)
Wed.	7.30am Rita Fahy (Rec. Dec'd)
	10.00am John & Sarah Devlin and Brigid Walker (Anniv.)
Thurs.	7.30am Tess McSweeney (Rec. Dec'd)
	10.00am Gerard Hayes (Anniv.)
Fri.	7.30am Frank McAdam (Rec. Dec'd)
	10.00am Peter Sheridan (R.I.P.)
Sat.	9.40am Morning Prayer of the Church
	10.00am Vincent Melvin (Anniv.)

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Georgina Finan** who died recently. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Next Sunday's Readings : Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24. Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13, R/ v 2. Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15. Mk 5:21-43

This weekend's *Church Gate Collection* is in aid of **Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind**