

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

Sunday 10th March 2013 Fourth Sunday of Lent Cycle C Week 4



A **Liturgy Group** meeting will be held on Tuesday 12h March at 10.30am in the side chapel.

### Invitation to Celebrate the Year of Faith

The Eucharistic Adoration Association invites you to Knock, on Saturday, 20th April 2013 to a day of Talks, Workshops, Prayer, Adoration Rosary, Blessing of the Sick, Eucharistic Procession, Children's & Young People's Activities, Children's Adoration Workshop, and Mass celebrated by Archbishop Charles Brown, Apostolic Nuncio. For more information and travel details, please phone: Mark @ 831 3319.

**Bach Saint John's Passion:** with the Palestrina Choir, Orchestra of St Cecilia and director Blánaid Murphy on Wednesday 20th March at 8pm St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. First performed in St Thomas' Church in Leipzig in 1724, the boys and gentlemen of the Palestrina Choir present their annual performance of The Passion on **Wednesday 20th March**. The choristers will be joined by an orchestra consisting of some of Dublin's best musicians, with soloists sourced from within the ranks of the choir, all led by the highly-regarded tenor Jacek Wislocki in the pivotal role of The Evangelist, narrator of the Passion. Tickets €20 on sale from the central ticket bureau 808 205205 and from the Pro Cathedral Parish Office 01 8745441

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### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Vigil</b>	6.00pm	Peggy Quigley (1st Anniv.) Sean Forristal (1st Anniv.)
<b>Sun</b>	8.30am	Lily O'Connor (Anniv.)
	10.00am	Novena of Grace Intentions
	11.30am	Hannah & Patrick King (Anniv.)
<b>Mon.</b>	10.00am	Alfred & Frances Hogan and deceased family members
<b>Tues.</b>	10.00am	
<b>Wed.</b>	10.00am	Billy & Ciaran Stanbridge (Anniv.)
<b>Thurs.</b>	10.00am	Deirdre Rorke
<b>Fri.</b>	10.00am	Deceased members of the Daly family
<b>Sat.</b>	9.40am	Morning Prayer of the Church
	10.00am	Tom & Margaret Hayes (Anniv)

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls **Brid O'Donovan** and **Rosaleen Pollard** whose funerals took place this week. We also remember all those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.

*Next Sunday's Readings :* Is 43:16-21. Ps 125. Phil 3:8-14. Jn 8:1-11

**Jane Mellett**

### THE DEEP END • BREAK FOR THE BORDER

The problem with some stories is that we are so familiar with them we tend to switch off after the first few sentences and that would be a shame, especially when this is one of the great blockbuster parables. The Pharisees were a group obsessed with ritual purity and Jesus' parables of things lost and found is his response to these barriers which excluded people from community and from God. The real challenge in this parable is what happens after the lost son returns. We can probably see more of the elder brother in ourselves than the younger brother. This loyal son deserves the best, he has worked hard, he has never asked for anything in return and would like to see some justice. God forgives us even after our most stupid mistakes yet we often behave like the elder son: holding grudges, not willing or able to forgive one another. The hard part for the elder brother, for the Pharisees and for us, is recognising that when people seem to be outside of what we think is 'right' we need to reach out to them and forget our own petty judgements. God returns the lost to the community, regardless of the boundaries that we have put in place. Luke tells the story well as we are left wondering whether the elder brother joined the celebrations or stayed sulking in the corner.

*'To forgive is to set a prisoner free and realise that the prisoner was you.'* Lewis B. Smedes

### Stella Maris Retreat Centre - Howth

Make Easter 2013 different. This reflective day invites you to accompany Jesus through his passion and death into the hope of the Resurrection. Wednesday March 20th from 10am to 4.30pm. Cost €45. For information and booking contact Sally 087 6226620

We welcome to our parish community **Siún Margaret Corrigan, Orianna Vida Kenny Lopes and Cathal James Fynes** whose baptisms took place in our church last week-end. Congratulations them and their families.

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