

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

Sunday 21st April 2013 Fourth Sunday of Easter Cycle C Week 4

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**MASS INTENTIONS**



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

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Edward Duffy** and **Mary Boland** who died this week. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Meeting of **St. Joseph's Young Priest Society** on Monday 22nd 2.30pm. Usual venue. All welcome.

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

Our neighbouring parishes of Donaghmede, Grange, Edenmore and Ayrfield present

**'New Life in the Spirit'**

Inspirational speakers, uplifting music, small reflection groups, refreshments. Each Tuesday until 28th May at St. Paul's Ayrfield from 8pm to 10pm.

Tel. Kay on 085 108 1118 for further information.

**Fr. Pat O'Rourke L.C.** has been appointed as Curate in the Parish of St. Patrick, Wicklow and will be taking up his appointment on 1st May 2013. We thank him for all his work with us here in Raheny and wish him every blessing and happiness in his new ministry.

**The Deep End - Special Calling**

*'Every person, I suppose, has their eccentricities but in an effort to be normal in the world's eye they overcome them and therefore destroy their special calling. I've kept mine and do believe that they have lent generously to my existence.'* Charles Bukowski, *Septuagenarian Stew*

When people fall in love they often talk of meeting someone with whom they can 'be themselves', who loves them as they are - imperfections, eccentricities and all. Likewise when we are with good friends, we can be confident that we are accepted and appreciated as we are; in fact the best relationships are those which inspire us to look beyond ourselves, to develop our talents and to aim ever higher.

Short and sweet as it is, there is something very comforting about today's Gospel reading. Today is known as Good Shepherd Sunday, when we are reminded of the strong bond and relationship Jesus has with us, his flock. *'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me,'* says Jesus. He knows who we are, and he also knows what we are capable of. The First Reading today reminds us that we are called to be 'a light for the nations'. We all have our fits, our strengths and our special calling, and our own unique role to play.

*Triona Doherty*

<b>Vigil</b>	6.00pm Charles Foran (Anniv.)
<b>Sun</b>	8.30am Pro Populo
	10.00am Helen Lynch (Anniv.)
	11.30am Kathleen & Harry Reede & Grandson Alan (Anniv.)
<b>Mon.</b>	10.00am Eamonn & Aoife Griffin (Anniv.)
<b>Tues.</b>	10.00am Maureen O'Connor R.I.P.
<b>Wed.</b>	10.00am Larry Humphrey (Anniv.)
<b>Thurs.</b>	10.00am Marie-Louise Brennan (Rec. Dec'd.)
<b>Fri.</b>	10.00am Seamus McCarthy and Lily Cleary (Anniv.)
<b>Sat.</b>	9.40am Morning Prayer of the Church
	10.00am Deceased members of the Kelly and Farrell families.

**Feastdays This Week**

**Thursday 25th April - St. Mark, Evangelist.** St. Mark was closely connected with the preaching of Ss Peter, Paul and Barnabas. His Gospel was probably written at Rome when he was with Paul, and is traditionally viewed as representing St Peter's approach to the preaching of the good news. Later tradition has him as an interpreter for St. Peter. His symbol is a winged lion.

*Next Sunday's Readings :* Acts 14:21-27. Ps 144:8-13. Apoc 21:1-5. Jn 13:31-35.