

CHURCH OF OUR LADY MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE, Raheny

Sunday 7th December 2014 Second Sunday of Advent

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MASS INTENTIONS



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Catherine Dunne** whose funeral took place this week. We also remember in our prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Our Lady's Choral Society perform Handel's Messiah for three evenings at the National Concert Hall. Conducted by Proinsias Ó Duinn. Also featuring the RTÉ Concert Orchestra. Wed 10, Thurs 11, Fri 12 December at 8.00 pm. Tickets from €20. Box office tel: (01) 417 0000 or website: www.nch.ie

Next Sunday's Readings : Is 61@1-2, 10-11. Ps Lk 1:46-50, 53-54, R/ Is 61:10. 1 Th 5:16-2. Jn 1@6-8, 19-2.

Many thanks for your generous contributions to last weekend's collections.

Feastdays This Week

Monday 8th December

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday 12th December

Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Finian.

Saturday 13th December

St. Lucy

The feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Masses on Monday 8th December will be at 10am and 1pm. There will be no vigil mass.

The Christmas collection for the **St. Vincent de Paul** will take place next weekend 13th/14th December.

Youth 2000 Ireland will be hosting their annual Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Newbridge, Co. Kildare from Friday 12th to Sunday 14th December 2014. Over 500 young people from across Ireland (aged 16-35) are expected at this donation only event, with all newcomers very welcome. This is a great opportunity to find out what your faith is all about in a friendly, chilled out atmosphere. Free buses available. Online booking necessary. See www.youth2000.ie or phone 01 675 3690.

MUSINGS

Today's First Reading contain words of comfort and tenderness for the people of Jerusalem, words which assure them that their time of hard service is at an end and their sins paid for. It reminds me of that beautiful scene from Les Misérables when the convict Jean Valjean is returned by police to the bishop of Digne, whose silver he has stolen. Seeing Valjean's state, the bishop assures police that there has been a misunderstanding – the stolen silver had been a free gift all along, and addresses Valjean, 'but you forgot the candlesticks – here take these as well!' God's mercy is always superabundant.

*Salvador Ryan
St Patrick's College, Maynooth*

Vigil	6.00pm	Mona McGuigan (1st Anniv.)
Sun	8.30am	Christopher Keogh (Anniv.)
	10.00am	Bernadette Murphy (Month's Mind) Mary O'Connor (Month's Mind)
	11.30am	Maria O'Keeffe (Anniv.)
Mon.	10.00am	Paddy MacHugh (Rec. Dec'd)
	1.00pm	Bernie Ashley and deceased members of the O'Riordan & Cullen families
Tues.	10.00am	Mary Keating R.I.P.
Wed.	10.00am	Harry Kelly (Anniv.)
Thurs.	10.00am	Robert McMahon R.I.P.
Fri.	10.00am	Paddy MacHugh (Rec. Dec'd)
Sat.	10.00am	Intentions of Alice Slattery

We pray for the second class boys and girls from Scoil Assaim, Scoil Áine and Springdale National School as they begin their preparation for First Communion at their first 'Do This In Memory' mass at 10am this Sunday.

Carol Services this Christmas in our Church

Wednesday 10th December @ 12noon
Manor House School

Monday 15th December @ 7.30pm
Raheny Folk Group