



Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Anna Agar, Thomas Keogh and Catherine Kerr** who died recently. We also remember in our prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Next Sunday's Readings : Job 7:1-4, 6-7. Ps 141-6, R/v3. 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23. Mk 1:29-39

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

Feastdays This Week

Sunday 1st
 St. Brigid
Monday 2nd
 The Presentation of Our Lord
Tuesday 3rd
 St. Blaise
Thursday 5th
 St. Agatha
Friday 6th
 Ss Paul Miki and Companions

Live services for this Church are now available on www.rahenyparish.ie and www.churchservices.tv

A Mass for the **Blessing and Anointing of the Sick** will be celebrated on Sunday next, 8th February at 11.30am

THE DEEP END • A TEACHING THAT IS NEW

A friend once told me a story about his favourite lecturer in college. He met him while crossing the campus one day, stopped and asked the lecturer how he was. The lecturer paused for a long moment, thinking about it, before eventually replying, 'I'm fine, thanks for asking.' At the time my friend wasn't sure what to make of it, though the unusual encounter stuck in his mind for years afterwards. On reflection, he appreciated that the lecturer had thought about his question, and to this day it has made him stop and think every time he asks someone, or is asked, 'how are you?'. The lecturer had taken an everyday question, and everyday language, and infused it with new meaning.

The people who listen to Jesus' teaching in today's Gospel are used to hearing scribes and teachers in the synagogue. But with Jesus they witness something new. We don't know what Jesus was teaching that day, or what kind of language he was using, but what struck the people was that he taught with authority. He had drawn them in, but they couldn't quite put their finger on it. 'What does it all mean?' they asked each other. He had made them think, and they recognised that he was he was offering something different.

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2015 Diocesan Prayer Book 'I Am With You' (Psalm 90)
 For those experiencing suffering and illness, and for those caring for the sick. Of use for the sick and carers, and for personal prayer. Prayer books are available from Ms Sheila Pyne, Archbishop's House Tel: (01) 373732 Ext: 116 and from Veritas - Tel: (01) 8788177 or www.veritas.ie

MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00pm	Noreen Webb (Month's Mind) Josephine Fowler (Month's Mind)
Sun	8.30am	Pro Populo
	10.00am	Phyllis & Roy Hollingsworth and Monica Gilligan (Anniv.)
	11.30am	Dinny & Nancy O'Connell (Anniv.) John & Brid Walsh (Anniv.)
Mon.	10.00am	Doreen & Conor Power (Anniv.)
Tues.	10.00am	Frances Halpin (Rec. Dec'd)
Wed.	10.00am	Billy & Ciarán Stanbridge (Anniv.)
Thurs.	10.00am	Mary & Margie Power (Anniv.)
Fri.	10.00am	Altar List of the Dead
Sat.	10.00am	Loretta Brophy (Rec. Dec'd)

Baptism Preparation Meeting will take place on Tuesday 3rd February at 8pm for baptism on Saturday 7th February.

We welcome to our parish community, Chloe Brumaretschi, Zoe Grace Latten, Frankie Glenn Cleary and Clooney Paddy O'Toole who were all baptised recently.

This **Sunday, 1st February**, the Feast of St. Brigid, Archbishop Martin will celebrate at 3pm in St. Brigid's Church, Killester with all the religious of our diocese. Pope Francis proclaimed this year "a year of consecrated life".