

Sunday 27th December 2015

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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The **Parish Office** will re-open on Monday 4th January 2016 at 10a.m.

World Day of Peace ~ 1st January 2016

The theme for World Day of Peace 2016, chosen by Pope Francis, is *“Overcome Indifference and Win Peace”*.

Unwanted Christmas Gifts Wanted!

Dubliners are being asked to decide what Christmas gifts they really need and give unwanted presents to homeless people. St. Mary's Pro Cathedral has made space at the crib available to take in any unwanted gifts such as games, clothing, hats, scarves and toiletries. The unwanted gifts are taken into storage by Crosscare – the social care agency of the Dublin Diocese – who redistribute them as gifts to people in their homeless and residential projects this time next year. People can leave their unwanted gifts at the crib in St. Mary's Pro Cathedral from now until 6th January.

We welcome **Harvey Tyndall & Faolán Caffrey** who were baptised recently, into our Christian community. We pray for their parents and godparents at this special time.

All services from our Parish Church are streamed live on our website www.rahenyparish.ie...just click on the *Watch Us Live* tab. The Parish Newsletter is also published weekly on the parish website.....click on the *Parish Bulletin* tab.



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Seeing Your Life Through The Lens of the Gospels

Luke's skill as a storyteller comes through in the details of the story in a way that many people can identify with: the loss of a child, the frantic search, the seemingly offhand speech of the teenager. Let the drama of the story speak to you. Where do you find good news in it?

In the Gospel of Luke this story serves to give a glimpse of the future greatness of Jesus, the teacher of his people. Sometimes we can look back over our own life, or the lives of others, and with hindsight can see in childhood or teenage years a glimpse of gifts and talents that were later to blossom. Where have you seen this?

'Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?' This seemingly insensitive reply by Jesus to Mary serves to highlight that in his life the mission given him by God would take precedence over family ties, painful though this would be. Perhaps you have known situations in your own life, or in the life of another, where there was pain for family members as you followed your own destiny? Where in the midst of the pain was the good news? *John Byrne osa*

Mass Intentions for this week

Sat:	6.00p.m.	NO VIGIL MASS
Sun:	8.30a.m.	Frank McAdam (Anniv.)
	10.00a.m.	Gerry Murphy (Anniv.)
	11.30a.m.	Carmel Heron (Anniv.) Richard Browne (Anniv.)
Mon:	11.00a.m.	James Penrose (M. Mind) Liam Memery (Anniv.)
Tues:	11.00a.m.	William, Patrick & Elizabeth Weldon (Anniv.)
Wed:	11.00a.m.	Robert Brazil (Anniv.) Emer & Eugene Curtis (Anniv.)
Thurs:	11.00a.m.	May Russell (Anniv.)
Fri:	11.00a.m.	WORLD DAY OF PEACE
Sat:	11.00a.m.	Eddie Meier (Rec. Dec'd)

Please note that Morning Mass will be celebrated each day this week at **11:00a.m.**

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of parishioner **Patrick Healy** whose funeral took place in our parish church this week. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

Next Sunday's Readings (Second Sunday of Christmas): Eccles 24:1-2, 8-12. Ps. 147:12-15, 19-20 R/ Jn 1:14 Eph 1:3-6, 15-18 Jn 1:1-18

A **Mass of Peace for the New Year** will be held on **Thursday 31st December (New Year's Eve) at 11p.m.** in St. John the Evangelist Church, Kilbarrack/Foxfield. All are welcome.

The Priests of the Parish and the Newsletter Team wish all our parishioners and readers a very Happy and Peaceful New Year. We hope that 2016 will bring new beginnings, new hope, new joy and many blessings to all. Athbhliain fé mhaise daoibh go léir.