

Sunday 17th January 2016

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of Migrants & Refugees

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We welcome Raheny native **Fr. Paul Dunne**, back to our parish. We thank him for his assistance in the spiritual and sacramental life of the parish and hope that his ministry here in Raheny will be fulfilling.

Next meeting of the **Parish Pastoral Council** will take place on Wednesday 20th January 2016 at 7:30p.m. in the Church.

Closing date for receipt of completed applications for Junior Infants for September 2016 in our local primary school, **Scoil Íde**, is 31st January 2016.

The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** will be held from Monday 18th January to Monday 25th January. This year's inaugural service will take place at 8p.m. on Monday 18th January in St Paul's Church, Arran Quay, Dublin 7. Leaders of around 14 different Christian traditions will be present, including our own Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. The homily this year is being given by the Very Reverend Dr Kenneth Newell OBE, former Moderator of the Fitzroy Presbyterian Church, Belfast, well-known for his commitment to peacemaking. All are welcome.

A Mass to commemorate the **1916 Rising** will take place on Sunday 17th January at 11.30 a.m. in St Anthony's Church, Clontarf. The decision to go ahead with the Rising took place in St Anthony's Hall on the 16th January, 1916.

The **Churchgate Collection** after all Masses this weekend is in aid of the local conference of the **St. Vincent DePaul Society**.



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The Deep End: World Day of Migrants & Refugees

During this past year we have watched, in almost disbelief, as hundreds of thousands of people flee their homes in Syria and other parts of the world. The image of three year old Aylan Kurdi, washed up on a beach last August as his family attempted to reach safety, caused complete outrage around the world. For a while we reacted and acted and called for an immediate response from our governments. Not since WWII have so many people been forced from their homes. So much can be said today about this crisis and we must continue to ask ourselves: how can we respond?

We must always be ready to welcome the refugee and migrant. Our faith is one of hospitality, compassion and mercy. In the Gospel today, Mary urges the disciples to 'do whatever He tells you' and we see Jesus perform a sign that shows he has come for the transformation of that which causes barriers to God's Kingdom. The refugee crisis may challenge us but as people of the Gospel of Mercy, we must respond:

'Mercy nourishes and strengthens solidarity towards others as a necessary response to God's gracious love... Each of us is responsible for his or her neighbour: we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they live.' (Pope Francis)

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Mass Intentions for this week

Sat:	6.00p.m.	Christopher Pilson (1st Anniv.) Sheila Gahan (M. Mind)
Sun:	8.30a.m.	Kathleen, Peter & Brian Finnegan (R.I.P.)
	10.00a.m.	Bert Horan (Anniv.)
	11.30a.m.	Vincent Duffy (Anniv.) Hugh Keller (Anniv.) Bridget Keller (M. Mind)
Mon:	10.00a.m.	Special Intention
Tues:	10.00a.m.	Enda Flynn (Rec. Dec'd)
Wed:	10.00a.m.	Deceased members of the Legion of Mary
Thurs:	10.00a.m.	Michael O'Brien (Rec. Dec'd)
Fri:	10.00a.m.	Raymond Hickey (Rec. Dec'd)
Sat:	10.00a.m.	NO MASS

Please note there will be **no 10a.m. Mass on Saturday** mornings until further notice.

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of parishioner **Thomas O'Brien** 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 (Third Sunday in Ordinary Time): Neh 8:2-6, 8-10. Ps. 19:8-10, 15. 1Cor 12:12-30. Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21.

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.