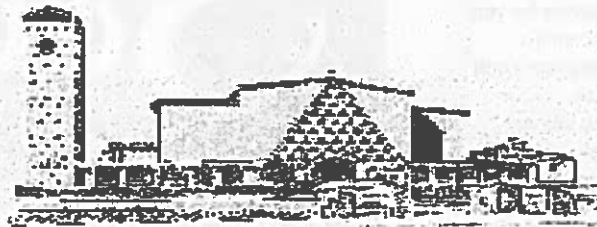


**NEXT BAPTISM
PREPARATION MEETING**

- will be at 8pm, on Tuesday, 5th
Apr. 2016, for the celebration of
Baptism on Sunday, 10th April.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00 pm	Norman Church (M.Mind) Margaret O'Sullivan (Anniv.) Esther & Michael McKenna (Anniv.)
Sun.	8.30 am	Deceased members of the Mulligan & Cunningham families
	10.00 am	Eddie Meier (Rec. Dec.)
	11.30 am	Catherine & Robert Mullen (Anniv.) Lily Shanley (M.Mind)
Mon.	10.00am	Paud & Lillie O'Connor (Anniv.)
Tues.	10.00am	Nora Hussey (Rec. Dec.)
Weds.	10.00am	Mary Shanley (Anniv.) Patrick Shanley (Anniv.)
	6.00pm Vigil	Philomena Brennan (1 st Anniv.) Thomas Baldwin (Anniv.) & deceased members of the Baldwin family
Thurs.		ST. PATRICK'S DAY
	8.30am	Pro Populi
	10.00am	Thomas & Mary Connolly (Anniv.)
	11.30am	John & Margaret Lowe & Br. Daniel Egan (Anniv.) Annie Guerin (Anniv.)
Fri.	10.00am	Enda Flynn (Rec.Dec'd).

THE DEEP END • Open the Doors

Today marks the third anniversary of the election of Pope Francis. His papacy has been marked by a focus on openness, forgiveness, and mercy - summed up, perhaps, in his oft quoted remark: 'Who am I to judge?' So prevalent is his focus on God's mercy that Pope Francis has declared this a Jubilee Year of Mercy - a special year to receive blessing from God and remission of sins. Some of us will make a pilgrimage during this year to one of the many holy doors in our cathedrals and churches. Pope Francis has called on Catholics around the world to use the occasion to open wide the doors of their hearts to forgive others and not to exclude them.

'When we go through that door, it is good to remember that we must also open wide the doors of our heart,' he said, suggesting that before passing through the Holy Door, people should pray: 'Lord, help me to open the doors of my heart!'

'The holy year won't be very effective if the doors of our heart do not let Christ enter, who pushes us to go towards others, to bring him and his love. Therefore, as the holy door remains open because it is the sign of the welcoming that God himself reserves for us, so also our doors - those of the heart - must always be open to not exclude anyone. Not even those that bother me. No one!' It is very much in the tradition of today's Gospel, where we meet a Jesus who is merciful to sinners, and who challenges us all to look at our own attitudes and our tendency to judge others.

(Triona Doherty, Athlone, Co Roscommon. Email trionad@gmail.com)

Kraków Fundraising

Dear parishioners, **cake sales** will be held after the 10/11.30am Masses on St. Patrick's Day. All cake donations welcome. Also please support our **Bag Pack** in Supervalu on Sat 19th March between 2-4pm. Tickets also still available for the **Easter Raffle**. Many thanks. Fundraising Committee

Remembering our Dead

Parishioners who have lost a loved one are invited to bring a colourful piece of cloth (15cm by 10cm) & place it in the basket near the Baptism Font. These will be collected on Mon. 14th Mar. and then sown together to form a '**stole of remembrance**' which will be draped over the Cross on Good Friday.

RAHENY CHURCH CHOIR

- are urgently looking for male and female members. We sing at 11.30am Mass each Sunday and practice Monday night at 7.30pm. If you are interested in joining, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact David on 087 6314242.

**READINGS Next Sunday
Palm Sunday**

Is 50: 4-7
Ps. 21
Phil 2:6-1
Lk 22:14-23:56



Church Gate Collection on Sun. 20th March is the Advocate collection in aid of Sunshine House.

Many thanks to all who contributed to the recent collection for Friedrich's Ataxia Ireland. €1,100 was raised.

A LITURGY GROUP MEETING will take place on Tuesday 15th March at 10.30am in the Church.