

Sunday 24th July 2016

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The **Churchgate collection** after all Masses next weekend is in aid of the **Dublin Diocesan Lourdes Invalid Fund**. This pilgrimage will take place in September. Please support this worthwhile collection and help send a sick pilgrim to Lourdes. All donors become Associate Members of the Pilgrimage...your prayers & intentions go to Lourdes with the pilgrim.

We welcome **Seán Larkin, Ellie Martin** and **Nathan Madden** who were baptised recently into our Christian community. We also remember their parents and godparents at this special time.



Congratulations to **Elizabeth Purcell** and **Simon Kellett** who were married in our church during the week. We wish them a long, happy and healthy life together.

The local conference of the **St Vincent De Paul Society** wishes to acknowledge with deep gratitude the sum of €50 from a little girl, **Molly Curran** who recently held a sale of work and gave the proceeds to the society.

The Novena to **St. John Vianney** (the Curé of Ars) who is also the Patron Saint of Priests will take place at **St. John Vianney Parish Church**, Ardlea Road, Artane from **4th to 12th August**. Ten different local priests will be speaking at the 10a.m. weekday Masses, and the Holy Hours at 7:30p.m. on Thursday 4th and 11th August. After each service there will be Veneration of the parish's two relics of the saint, and Confession will be available. All are welcome.



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THE DEEP END ~ THE OPEN DOOR

How do you pray? Is there a right or a wrong way of doing it? Should we pray lying in bed or kneeling at the altar, alone or in company, in the church or out in nature, in stillness and silence or with tambourines and songs of praise?

The first disciples weren't quite sure how to go about things, and today we see them approach Jesus to ask him 'Lord, teach us to pray'. In response, he gave them the words of what we now know as the 'Our Father'. But he had some more advice for the disciples too – keep praying! If you were to call on a friend for help in the middle of the night, Jesus says, your persistence alone would convince him to help. If a child asks for food, his parents will naturally grant him what he asks for. The message is clear – we just have to keep asking.

Jesus often withdrew to quiet places to spend time alone in prayer, and we know from the Passion accounts that he cried out to God in moments of anguish and desperation. There are many different ways to pray. It matters less where and how we choose to pray, than the fact that we choose to pray at all. If we keep asking, if we keep the lines of communication open, God will grant us what is good.

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Mass Intentions for this week

Sat:	6.00p.m.	Charlie McMahon (1st Anniv.) Pearse & Lucy Adams (Anniv.)
Sun:	8.30a.m.	Health Intention
	10.00a.m.	Nellie Doyle (Anniv.) Sean & Declan Fulton (Anniv.)
	11.30a.m.	Edward Clement O'Reilly (100th Anniv.) Youth travelling to Krakow
Mon:	10.00a.m.	Jo Halpin (Rec. Dec'd)
Tues:	10.00a.m.	Health Intention
Wed:	10.00a.m.	Michael Ryan (Rec. Dec'd)
Thurs:	10.00a.m.	Birthday Intention
Fri:	10.00a.m.	
Sat:	10.00a.m.	NO MASS

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Sr. Nora Doyle** and **Louise Kavanagh** whose funerals took place in our parish church this week. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends. May they rest in the peace of Christ. We also remember **Edward Clement O'Reilly** who was killed in the Somme on 29th July 1916 and whose centenary anniversary Mass is celebrated today at 11:30a.m.

Next Sunday's Readings (Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time): Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23. Ps. 89:3-6, 12-14, 17, R/ v1. Col 3:1-5, 9-11. Lk 12:13-21.

25th July ~ Feast of **St. James, Apostle**.
26th July ~ Feast of **Ss. Joachim & Anne**.
29th July ~ Feast of **St. Martha**.

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.