

Sunday 14th August 2016

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Monday next, 15th August, is the Feast of the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, and is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 10a.m. and 1p.m. in our Church on the feast day. Please note: **there will be NO vigil Mass on Sunday, 14th August for this feast day.**

Very many thanks for your generous support of the recent **Dublin Diocesan Lourdes Invalid Fund** collection. The amount raised was €2295. Mile buíochas!

Volunteers are sought to help with the collections during weekend Masses. If you are interested in giving a hand, please contact the Parish Office on 8313232.

Light Out of Darkness Programme, 2016

Are you searching? Do you want to know God better? Do you want to deepen your faith? Do you want to bring God more into your life? If any answer is YES, then why not participate in the **Light out of Darkness Programme**. This will be held in the Capuchin Friary, Raheny from 8pm to 9pm every Tuesday from 16th August to 13th December. Cost €10. Information meeting next Tuesday at 8pm in the Capuchin Friary.

The **Churchgate Collection** after all Masses next weekend is in aid of the local Conference of the **St. Vincent De Paul Society**.

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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THE DEEP END ~ PEACE ON EARTH?

It is only a few short weeks since Jesus was advising his disciples to greet people with the words 'Peace to this house!' We certainly like to associate Jesus more with peace than division. When Jesus later appears to the disciples after his resurrection, his first words are 'Peace be with you'. And now here he is talking about division!

At the time that Luke was writing his Gospel, the early Christian community was experiencing division. Households were divided over what to believe. It is not that Jesus was encouraging division; rather, not everyone was ready to accept his teachings. Jesus remains a divisive figure today. People either run towards him or run from him. Division is a natural consequence of Jesus' work, and those who follow him must be willing to sacrifice everything.

This is a challenging Gospel for us. It's almost as if Jesus is asking us what we are willing to do in his name, if we are truly ablaze with love for him. We may at times face ridicule or rejection from the world. We may have to change the company we keep, or leave old ways of life behind, in order to truly follow him. In this sense there may well be division.

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Mass Intentions for this week

Sat:	6.00p.m.	Con Hanafin (M. Mind) Tom Early (Anniv.) Mary & Laurence Wogan (Anniv.)
Sun:	8.30a.m.	Health Intention
	10.00a.m.	Bob & Deirdre O'Gorman (Anniv.)
	11.30a.m.	Paddy & Nan Kelly (Anniv.)
Mon:	10.00a.m.	Special Intention
	1:00p.m.	Bernard Ryan (Anniv.) Alice Culhane (Anniv.)
Tues:	10.00a.m.	Sr. Nora Doyle (M. Mind) Emmie Barron (Anniv.)
Wed:	10.00a.m.	Holy Souls
Thurs:	10.00a.m.	John Wallace (Rec. Dec'd)
Fri:	10.00a.m.	Margaret Dunne (Anniv.)
Sat:	10.00a.m.	NO MASS

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **John Naughton** whose funeral took place in our parish church last Friday. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. May he rest in the peace of Christ. John was well known around the Church. It was he who established and lovingly maintained the beautiful flower beds at the front of the Church that are admired by many visitors. Indeed this garden received a *Dublin City Council Neighbourhood Award* for excellence.

Next Sunday's Readings (Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time): Is 66:18-21. Ps 116, R / Mk 16:15. Heb 12:5-7, 11-13. Lk 13:22-30.

15th August ~ Feast of the **Assumption of the Our Lady**
17th August ~ Feast of **Our Lady of Knock**.
20th August ~ Feast of **St. Bernard**.