



CHURCH OF OUR LADY MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE, Raheny

Sunday 13th November 2016 Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle C Week 1

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Many thanks for your generous contributions to last weekend's collections. This weekend's churchgate collection is in aid of St. Vincent de Paul.

We welcome to our parish community **Jayden Gregory Campbell, Jamie Lawrence McGearty and Emma Rose McLoughlin** all of whom received the sacrament of baptism last weekend. Many congratulations to them, their parents and their families on this special occasion.

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Phyllis Cotter** and **Bill Horan** whose funerals took place this week. We also remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Raheny parish is currently recruiting a **Parish Sacristan**. The role is offered initially on a one year, fixed term/part time basis. Letters of application with enclosed CV should be posted to Rev. Fr. Michael Cullen P.P. 5, St. Assam's Road West, Raheny, Dublin 5. The closing date for receipt of completed applications is Friday 18th November 2016. Further details on www.rahenyparish.ie or from Parish Office.

Volunteers are sought for the **Parish Pastoral Council**. The council meets approximately ten times per year and organises all aspects of the pastoral life of the parish. If you are interested in becoming involved, please leave your name in the Parish Office.

MUSINGS

At some point we have all seen and heard someone shouting on the street or on the internet about the end of the world. You'd be forgiven for thinking that today's Gospel is trying to achieve the same thing. We are reading the final chapters of Luke's Gospel for Year C. Jesus is in Jerusalem and the passages we hear are talking about end times. The people gathered are obviously excited having seen how magnificent the Temple is, having come 'up from the country' and Jesus is trying to calm them down. The time for excitement might not be just yet. Jesus reminds them, and us, that these things are short-lived and we should not be too bothered about 'fine stonework' and 'votive offerings'. These things do not last. Jesus tries to comfort the people regarding various crisis that will happen; the call is to take perspective, to look at the bigger picture. Endurance is the message of today's Gospel. The people of Jerusalem will witness the destruction of the Temple, the disciples will face persecution, people of faith will have tough times ahead. Whatever crisis may come, Jesus is affirming people to keep going, to stay focused and not be afraid. 'Lord, when we are young we think that we become great through our achievements. Life has taught us the truth of Jesus' words: it is by endurance that we win our lives' Michel de Verteuil

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Pioneer Reunion

The 40th Annual Dublin Diocesan Pioneer Reunion will take place on Sunday 27th November 2016. It will commence with Mass in the Pro-Cathedral at 3pm, followed by dinner and social in the Gresham Hotel. Tickets are €30 and are available from Raheny Pioneer Centre. Contact Michael Ryan at 831 2065. Please book early.

Feast Days this Week

Monday 14th - St. Laurence O'Toole
Thursday 17th - St. Elizabeth of Hungary

MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00pm	Freda Russell (Anniv.)
Sun	8.30am	May Kane (Anniv.)
	10.00am	Eoin Ó Suilleabháin (Anniv.)
	11.30am	Deirdre & Bob O'Gorman (Anniv.)
Mon.	10.00am	Norah Abraham (R.I.P.)
Tues.	10.00am	Hugh & Marell McGreevy (Anniv.) Willie & Margaret McGreevy (Anniv.)
Wed.	10.00am	Mary Kennedy (R.I.P.)
Thurs.	10.00am	Thomas & Mary Connolly (Anniv.)
Fri.	10.00am	Carmel Shalloe (Rec. Dec'd) Noel Dalton (Rec. Dec'd)

The Annual Remembrance Mass for deceased residents and staff of St. Ita's Hospital, Portrane (also including St. Joseph's Intellectual Disability Services) will be held in St. Ita's Church, Portrane on Saturday 26th November at 3pm. Bishop Raymond Field will officiate.

Would you like to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas from the comfort of your own home? **The Priory Institute are running an Online Advent Retreat.**

Application deadline is 22nd November, cost €30. For further details call 01 4048132, email advent.retreat@prioryinstitute.com or see www.prioryinstitute.com

Liturgy Group Meeting will take place on Tuesday 15th November at 10.30am.

Next Sunday's Readings : Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - 2Sm 5:1-3. Ps 121:1-5, R/ cf. v 2. Col 1:12-20. Lk 23:35-43