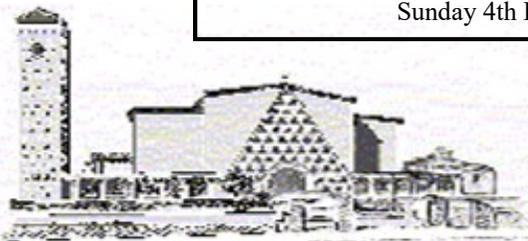


CHURCH OF OUR LADY MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE, Raheny

Sunday 4th December 2016 Second Sunday of Advent



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St. Anne's Conference, Raheny
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Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th December 2016

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady, Mother of Divine Grace,

I am writing to you to tell you that St. Anne's Conference, celebrates its 50th birthday on Monday 5th December. On 5th December 1966, the papers formally setting up the Conference were signed in the International Headquarters of the society in Paris.

On my own and the Conference's behalf, I want to thank each and every one of you, our much appreciated benefactors and friends, for your continuing generosity and support over all of the years since 1966. We also thank our retired members and volunteers for their sterling contributions over the half century, and we also acknowledge the great generosity of all who helped us in any way, and who are no longer with us.

Serving and helping the poor was, is and always will be, at the heart of the life of the Church. In the earliest days of the Church, all those thousands of years ago, people gave what they could to the Apostles to help the poor (see Acts of the Apostles, Ch.4:32-37). This is still happening today, right here in this parish. The difference is that, as you know, our Conference distributes the resources you so very faithfully make available to us, to those who find themselves in need, and on very rare occasions when this is required, to other cash starved Conferences, who ask for help.

And so, as we begin our second period of 50 years, we would like to invite you to continue with us in to the future, especially with our annual Christmas collection which takes place inside the Church on next Saturday and Sunday, 10th and 11th December in place of the SHARE collection.

May we wish you all a happy Christmas and a bright new year of 2017.

*Peter Bates
Conference President.*

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Tommy Ayton** and **Vivian Desmond** 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.

Next Sunday's Readings : Is 35:1-6, 10. Ps 145:6-10, R/ cf. Is 35:4 Jas 5:7-10. Mt 11:2-11

MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00pm	Mary Malone (Month's Mind) Sheila Gahan (1st Anniv.) Peter Sheridan (Anniv.) Dr. Tony O'Loughlin (Anniv)
Sun	8.30am	Patricia Sampson (Rec. Dec'd)
	10.00am	William & Marie Baker (Anniv.) Patricia Sampson (Rec. Dec'd)
	11.30am	Mary Geoghegan (Month's Mind) John Hegarty (Month's Mind) Michael & Eithne McKenna (Rem) John, Kathleen & Joe Curley
Mon.	10.00am	Health Intention
Tues.	10.00am	Tom Ryan (Anniv.) Nuala Cotter (Anniv.)
Wed.	10.00am	Pauline Houlihan (Rec. Dec'd) Health Intention
	6.00pm	Gerard McCarthy
Thurs.	10.00am	John & Nora Ward (Anniv.) Deceased members of the Browne and Tobin families
	1.00pm	Deceased members of The Legion of Mary
Fri.	10.00am	Mary Keating (Anniv.) Carmel Ginty (1st Anniv.) Carol Clarke (!st Anniv.)

Many thanks for your generous contributions to last weekend's collections. **CROSSCARE Food Appeal** continues this weekend. Donations can be left in the collection boxes at mass or in the Parish Office during the week.

Donations to our **Toy Appeal** will be taken next weekend 10th/11th December at all masses.

Thursday 8th December is the Feast of The Immaculate Conception. Masses will be at 6pm Wednesday (Vigil) and 10am and 1pm on Thursday.