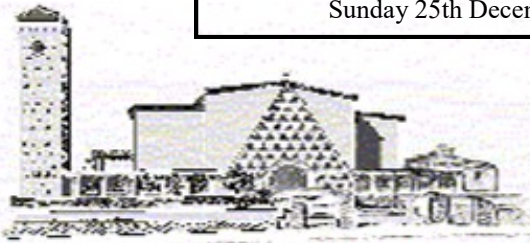


CHURCH OF OUR LADY MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE, Raheny

Sunday 25th December 2016 The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ



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SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

John 1:1-18

1. John opens his Gospel with a profound reflection on the meaning of creation, of life and of Jesus. Remember when you had a special awareness of the gift of life that filled you with gratitude to God for creation, and the beauty and wonder of the world: 'All things came into being through him and without him not one thing came into being.'

2. We hear the gospel message frequently. Sometimes it goes in one ear and out the other. Then there are occasions when it made us feel more alive, times when it helped us see the way ahead, like a light that shines in the darkness. Recall when the gospel gave you hope in the midst of anxiety or sadness and helped you to see what action would be most life giving for you and for others

3. Bring to mind people who have had a prophetic voice in the world – speaking the truth for the world to hear, like as a witness to testify to the light. Some of these may have been public figures. Others were ordinary people who have helped you see the 'light' by the witness of their own lives and words.

4. 'No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son of God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him know.' Jesus came to us to teach us about God and put a human face on God for us. For the people of his day, and for us, that was a mission of getting us to think again about how we see God, and to believe in a God who is a God of love. Recall how the life and ministry of Jesus have changed your picture of God.

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Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **John Davis** whose funeral 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 : 1st January 2017, Mary, The Holy Mother of God, World Day of Peace. Num 6:22-27, Ps 66:2-3, 5, 6, 8, R/ v 2. Gal 4:4-7. Lk 2:16-21

MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00pm	
	9.00pm	<i>All Masses for the intentions of all our parishioners</i>
Sun	8.30am	
	10.00am	
	11.30am	
Mon.	11.00am	Christmas Mass Bouquet John Hegarty (Rec. Dec'd)
Tues.	11.00am	Joseph Kelly & Joan Kelly R.I.P. (mother and son)
Wed.	10.00am	Christmas Mass Bouquet
Thurs.	10.00am	Health Intention Emer Curtis (Anniv.) Eugene Curtis (R.I.P.)
Fri.	10.00am	Robert Brazil (Anniv.)

Please note that Mass on St. Stephen's Day, Monday and Mass on Tuesday will be at 11.00am

Feastdays This Week

Monday 26th, St. Stephen, First Martyr
Tuesday 27th, St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Wednesday 28th, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Friday 30th, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Wishing You All A Very Happy Christmas

