

Sunday 29th January 2017

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Next meeting of **St. Joseph's Young Priests Society** takes place on **Monday 30th January at 2:30p.m.** in the Old Baptistry. Join us to pray for priestly vocations.

Thursday next, **2nd February**, is the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord ~ Candlemas Day**. Parishioners are invited to bring any candles they would like to have blessed to Mass on this day.

Pupils from **Scoil Assaim & Springdale NS** will celebrate the **Sacrament of First Penance** on **Thursday 2nd February**.

Friday next, **3rd February**, is the **Feast of St. Blaise**. Blessing of throats will take place after 10a.m. Mass.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place after 10a.m. Mass on Friday next, **3rd February**, and subsequent First Fridays unless there is a funeral.

There will be a **Holy Hour of Adoration** on **Friday 3rd February** from 3:30p.m. to 4:30p.m. in the church. All are welcome.

Date for your diary: Mass for the **Anointing of the Sick** will take place in our Parish Church on **Sunday 12th February** at the 11:30a.m. Mass.



Congratulations to **Brigitte Shehata Fahim-Byrne** and **Brendan Kiernan** who were married in our Church recently. We wish them a long, happy and healthy life together.

Closing date for enrolment for **Junior Infants** in **Scoil Íde** for September 2017 is **Tuesday 31st January**.



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THE DEEP END: THE BEATITUDES

We live in a culture obsessed with appearances. The ultimate message is that we need to constantly transform our outward image in order to feel fulfilled and happy. If we let this message filter in, we can be left feeling empty, frustrated and dissatisfied with our lot.

But today's Gospel speaks of a different type of happiness. The word 'happy' appears nine times in the Beatitudes – it is sometimes translated as 'blessed'. This happiness Jesus is talking about should not be viewed as a reward for religious achievements, but rather as an act of grace by God. The focus is much deeper than superficial happiness. The Beatitudes call us to a radically new way of being. When we centre our lives on God, we find our true identity and lasting peace.

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Volunteers

The Parish is looking for **Readers for Weekend Masses** and also for **Volunteers** to help organise a **Summer Fete**. If you are interested in either of the above, please contact the Parish Office on 8313232.

Mass Intentions for this week

Sat:	6.00p.m.	Evelyn Golden (Anniv.) James Quinn (Anniv.) Margaret McArdle (Anniv.)
Sun:	8.30a.m.	Paul Martin (Rec. Dec'd) Health Intention
	10.00a.m.	Hannah & Patrick King (Anniv.) Special Intention
	11.30a.m.	Anne & Gerald Clynes (Anniv.) Hugh, Brigid & Carl Keller (Anniv.)
Mon:	10.00a.m.	Robert Russell (Rec. Dec'd) Special Intention
Tues:	10.00a.m.	Margaret & Gerard Hoey (Anniv.)
Wed:	10.00a.m.	Doreen & Conor Power (Anniv.)
Thurs:	10.00a.m.	Ralf Köetter (Anniv.)
Fri:	10.00a.m.	Altar List of the Dead
Sat:	10.00a.m.	NO MASS

Next Sunday's Readings (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time): Is 58:7-10. Ps 111:4-9, R/ v 4. 1 Cor 2:1-5. Mt 5:13-16.

We welcome **Jo Patrick O'Connor** who was baptised recently into our Christian community. We also remember his parents and godparents at this special time. The next **Baptism Preparation Meeting** will be held at 8p.m. on Tuesday 31st January in the Church to prepare for Baptisms taking place on Sunday 5th February 2017.



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.