

Sunday 23rd July 2017

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Trócaire's East Africa Appeal

An Emergency Collection in aid of Trócaire's work in East Africa will take place during all Masses in our Parish this weekend. It will replace the SHARE collection. Nearly 25 million people in Somalia, Kenya, South Sudan and Ethiopia are currently in urgent need of food and water due to drought. Trócaire is reaching over 150,000 people across the region with emergency food, water and sanitation. Needs are enormous. Please support this appeal generously and help Trócaire reach more people with life-saving aid.

St. Vincent De Paul Clothing Appeal

A reminder: The St. Vincent De Paul Society will collect bags of clothes outside the Church after all Masses this weekend, 22nd & 23rd July. Many thanks for supporting this annual appeal.

Light Out of Darkness Programme

This year's programme begins with an Information Meeting at 8p.m. on Tuesday 8th August in the Capuchin Friary, Raheny. It then continues every Tuesday until 5th December. The book *Light Out of Darkness* costs €10. Otherwise, the course is free. All are welcome. Places on the course may be limited, so enrolments will be at the Information Meeting only.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival will take place from 17th to 20th August 2017 in Cistercian College, Roscrea. This is an opportunity for young people aged 16-35 to experience Catholic faith and meet many new people. For further information, see www.youth2000.ie or tel: (01) 6753690.



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THE DEEP END: Changing The World

The *Darkness Into Light* event in aid of Pieta House, is a great example of a movement which has grown from a small seed of an idea into a major force for good. The parable of the mustard seed, which we hear today, shows us that fantastic things can emerge from the most modest of beginnings, 'the smallest of all seeds'. The disciples who first heard Jesus speak were ordinary people – not the religious leaders of the time or those in positions of power or influence. But they were the seeds from which the Church would grow down through the ages. Each act of kindness or forgiveness, each time we spread the Good News of Jesus in our own way, we are hastening the spread of God's kingdom. These seeds grow and multiply, and bear abundant fruit even if we cannot always see the results. We can't change the world in one go – but we can change our world.

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The **Novena to St. John Vianney** will take place each day from Friday 4th to Saturday 12th August at St. John Vianney Church, Ardlea Road, Artane. St. John Vianney, the Curé of Ars, is the Patron of Priests and of Parishes. A Novena Mass will be held each day at 10a.m. There will be Mass with Anointing of the Sick at 3p.m. on Wed. 9th. Adoration, Confession and Veneration of the relics of St. John Vianney will be available during the Novena.

Mass Intentions for this week

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| Sat: | 6.00p.m. | Ann Kennedy (M. Mind) Louise Kavanagh (1st Anniv.) Charlie McMahon (Anniv.) Maria O'Neill (Anniv.) |
| Sun: | 8.30a.m. | Vincent O'Gorman (Rec. Dec'd) Doris Benson (Anniv.) |
| | 10.00a.m. | Joan Courtney (Anniv.) |
| | 11.30a.m. | Nellie Doyle (Anniv.) Seamus Byrne & deceased members of the Byrne Family (Anniv.) |
| Mon: | 10.00a.m. | Mary Donoghue (Rec. Dec'd) |
| Tues: | 10.00a.m. | Ellen Collins (Anniv.) James Collins (Anniv.) |
| Wed: | 10.00a.m. | Health Intention |
| Thurs: | 10.00a.m. | Mass of Thanksgiving for recovery from a long illness. |
| Fri: | 10.00a.m. | Maureen Westbury (Rec. Dec'd) Pat & Christy Powell celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary today |
| Sat: | 10.00a.m. | No Mass |

Next Sunday's Readings (Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time): 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12. Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130, R / v 97. Rm 8:28-30. Mt 13:44-52.

The **Churchgate Collection** next weekend, 29th & 30th July, will be in aid of the **Lourdes Invalid Fund**. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

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.