

**Sunday 2nd July 2017**

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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The annual **Peter's Pence Collection** will be taken at all Masses this weekend. It will replace the SHARE collection. The proceeds of this collection allows Pope Francis to carry out charitable works throughout the world.

The next meeting of the **Parish Pastoral Council** will take place at 7:30p.m. on **Tuesday, 4th July** in the Old Baptistry.

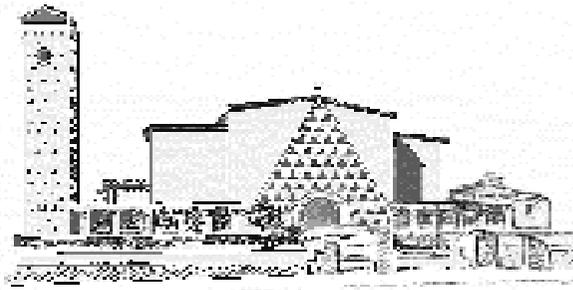
The next **Rosary Rally** to mark the centenary of the apparitions of **Our Lady at Fatima** will be held in front of our parish church on **Saturday, 8th July** at 4p.m. All are welcome.

The rota system for **Eucharistic Adoration** in the **Capuchin Friary** begins on Saturday, 1st July. There will be a register in the Friary Chapel for volunteers to record their attendance at their hour of adoration. The Capuchin Friars would like to acknowledge the assistance of the parish community in setting up of this new system. (Br. Antony, Capuchin Friary, Raheny.)

Frances Kelleher from Messenger Publications will speak at all Masses next weekend, 8th/9th July, promoting the Sacred Heart **Messenger** magazine.

Applications for membership of the **Pioneer Total Abstinence Association** will be taken from 11:15 to 12:15 on Sunday 2nd July in the Conference Room at the side of the Church.

**Ministers of the Eucharist** are asked to collect the new roster from the Sacristy.



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**THE DEEP END: A Cup of Water**

Life is busy. Whether we are in school, college, working, or juggling family life with all sorts of other commitments, there is sometimes little time to pause and take stock of things. It can be hard to find time to reflect on how our faith is faring. When we do get a minute to assess things, do we find ourselves wanting? Many of us have the idea that we would like to live better lives, to be more caring, to help those in need. We would like to live up to what Jesus asks of us, if only we had time to do more. This desire to do better is an important element of our Christian journey. But often we imagine that this will require some sort of grand gesture or dramatic change of direction.

If we are paralysed or overwhelmed by what we can't do, Jesus has some good news for us today. A cup of water isn't much, and offering hospitality to a stranger might not seem like a big deal, but that is where Jesus starts. Instructing his twelve disciples, he tells them that anyone who welcomes them or offers them a cup of cold water will be rewarded. What's more, he adds that anyone who welcomes them in fact welcomes Jesus, the one who sent them. Small acts of kindness and hospitality have significance beyond what we might expect. No matter how busy we are, there are opportunities every day to offer a cup of water here, or a helping hand there. All these small things play their part in building up God's kingdom.  
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**Mass Intentions for this week**

<b>Sat:</b>	<b>6.00p.m.</b>	Mary Devlin (M. Mind) Laurence McGivern (Anniv.)
<b>Sun:</b>	<b>8.30a.m.</b>	Maureen Westbury (Rec. Dec'd) Evelyn Kavanagh (Rec. Dec'd)
	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Paul Matthews (Rec. Dec'd) Dolores Whelan Clarke (Rec. Dec'd)
	<b>11.30a.m.</b>	Kathleen & Michael McGettrick (Anniv.) Gail Kelly (Rec. Dec'd)
<b>Mon:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Michael & Margaret Hogan (Anniv.)
<b>Tues:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Christopher & Mary Mulcahy (Anniv.)
<b>Wed:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Jim & Nellie Butler (Anniv.)
<b>Thurs:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Joe Doyle (Anniv.)
<b>Fri:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Ann Kennedy and Dolores Whelan Clarke** whose funerals took place in our parish church during the week. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

**Next Sunday's Readings (Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time):** Zec 9:9-10. Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14, R / v 1. Rm 8:9, 11-13. Mt 11:25-30

All services from our Parish Church are streamed live on our website [www.rahenyparish.ie](http://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.

**Mass Cards** are available at the Parish Office during opening hours, Monday to Friday, 10a.m. to 12:30p.m.