

Sunday 27th August 2017

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sunday Mass from the RTE Studios this Sunday, 27th August at 11a.m. will feature staff, volunteers and pilgrims of our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Music for the Mass will be provided by the Pilgrimage Folk Group, under the direction of Dr Aisling Tynan. This year's pilgrimage to Lourdes begins on 7th September.

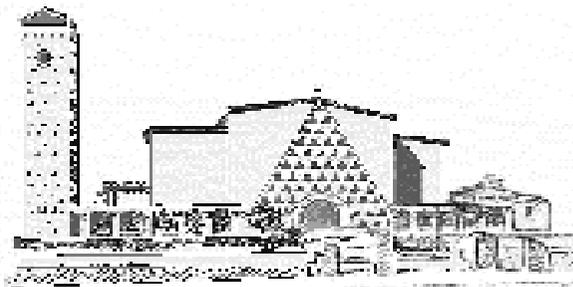
Celebrate the 25th Anniversary of **Ireland's Biggest Coffee Morning for Hospice** by hosting a Coffee Morning for St. Francis Hospice on Thursday 14th September. Register online at www.sfh.ie or contact St. Francis Hospice on (01) 8327535.

Faith 4 Life is a course run over four weekends by the Archdiocese of Dublin which aims to deepen the connection between Faith and Life. Each weekend, participants will explore a different theme... Called to become Human & Holy; Called to become Centred on the Word of God; Called to become Church in and for the World; Called to Live Faithfully. The first weekend is 21st & 22nd October and the venue will be Holy Cross College, Clonliffe. Further details and an application form are available at www.evangelisation.ie or (01) 8373732

Feastdays: *Mon. 28th August:* St. Augustine
Tues. 29th August: The Passion of St. John the Baptist



Congratulations to **Johanna Galvin** and **Damien Byrne** who were married in our Church recently. We wish them a long, happy and healthy life together.



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MUSINGS: WHO AM I FOR YOU?

What does this story tell us? Jesus wanted a response to his question who am I for you? He had spent time with people and some had accepted him. Peter's was the remark of faith. Faith is in the person of Jesus before any creed. Our faith is based on Jesus not on the Church. It is knowing Jesus from the inside – knowing who he really is with the knowledge of the heart.

Is our faith just like a birthmark or a way of life and love? For some it is just a birthmark, a label for birth, marriage and death. It has become more like this in Ireland and the Church in many ways allows this.

Who is Christ for me? This is the question that will ground our faith. We are here for partnership with the Lord in bringing on the reign of God.

What would that look like? That people who care for each other and particularly for the old, the child, the weaker, the unborn and the refugee. The Church is the community where the weakest are welcomed. The son of the living God is the one who heals, cures, wants us, and is the human face of God. We are that too – he has no body now on earth but ours!

Donal Neary SJ

Mass Intentions for this week

Sat:	6.00p.m.	Veronica Traynor (Anniv.) James Drummond (Anniv.) Owen Gorman (Anniv.)
Sun:	8.30a.m.	Marie Neylon (Rec. Dec'd)
	10.00a.m.	Bill O'Keeffe (Anniv.) Alice Culhane (Anniv.)
	11.30a.m.	Alfie Kane (Anniv.) Aidan Robinson & his daughter Jean (Anniv.)
Mon:	10.00a.m.	George McDermott (Rec. Dec'd)
Tues:	10.00a.m.	Margaret O'Dwyer (Rec. Dec'd)
Wed:	10.00a.m.	Elizabeth Green (Rec. Dec'd)
Thurs:	10.00a.m.	Health Intention
Fri:	10.00a.m.	Altar List of the Dead

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Desmond McEvoy** and **Elizabeth Green** whose funerals took place in our parish church this week. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Next Sunday's Readings (Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time): Jer 20:7-9. Ps 62:2-6, 8-9, R/ v 2. Rm 12:1-2. Mt 16:21-27.

The next **Baptism Preparation Meeting** will be held at 8p.m. on Tuesday 29th August in the Church to prepare for the celebration of Baptism taking place on Sunday 3rd September 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.

The Churchgate Collection after all Masses next weekend, 2nd/3rd September is in aid of **Schools for Syria**