

**NEXT BAPTISM
PREPARATION MEETING**

- will be at 8pm, on Tuesday, July 11th, for the celebration of Baptism on Sunday, July 16th.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00 pm	John Keogh (1st Anniv) Dan Cotter (Anniv) Teresa Thompson (Anniv) Martin Duffy (Anniv) Margaret Walsh (Anniv)
Sun.	8.30 am	Declan Fulton (Anniv) Tom & Cecilia McDermott (Anniv) Nuala O'Toole (Anniv)
	10.00am	Seamus L'Estrange (Rec.Dec.)
	11.30am	Catherine Keating (M.Mind) Con Hanafin (1st Anniv) Patrick & Ellen Atkins (Anniv) Paddy & Hannah Kelly (Anniv)
Mon.	10.00am	Sheila Murphy (Anniv) Health Intention
Tues.	10.00am	Noel Collins (Rec.Dec.)
Wed.	10.00am	Health Intention
Thur	10.00am	Joe Kenny (Rec.Dec.)
Fri.	10.00am	Paddy Cole (M.Mind).

THE DEEP END: Rest for your souls

Pope Francis had some strong words of advice recently for priests. As he ordained ten men to the priesthood on Good Shepherd Sunday, he said in his homily: 'A priest who has perhaps studied much theology and has achieved one or two or three advanced degrees, but has not learned to carry the Cross of Christ, is useless: he will be a good academic, a good professor, but not a priest. Please, I ask you in the name of Christ and of the church to be merciful, always: do not saddle the faithful with burdens they cannot carry – nor ought you so burden yourselves.'

He must have been thinking of the extract from Matthew's Gospel that we hear today, where Jesus talks about the exact opposite of laying burdens on people – he promises to take them away, and to lighten our load. I don't think Jesus is saying that the Christian life is always going to be easy, that there will not be burdens or crosses to carry, or that we should not hold ourselves to high standards. Rather, he is reminding us that when we find ourselves overburdened – tired, frustrated, afraid, overwhelmed, disheartened – help is at hand. He invites us to come to him, and to unload our troubles onto him. He is a place of rest for our weary souls. With Jesus on board, our minds and hearts will be lighter, and we can get on with our tasks with renewed energy and zeal.

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The Summit 17 takes place at Croke Park Conference Centre on July 13th -15th. Conference includes keynote talks, practical breakout sessions, prayer and time spent with other young Catholics. See www.thesummit17.com

Please note there will be no evening Masses in Bayside parish from Mon. 3rd July to Mon. 7th July 2017 incl.

**READINGS Next Sunday
16th Sun Ordinary Time**

Is 55:10-11

Ps. 64

Rom. 5:18-23

Matt. 13:1-23



The Michaela Foundation is currently recruiting enthusiastic individuals aged 17+ to volunteer at their Summer Camp for girls in the Loreto Senior Primary, Crumlin Road from 10th – 14th July. At Camp, girls aged 11-13 will engage in a range of volunteer-led activities based on Michaela Foundation's five core elements; Fun, Faith, Fashion, Well-being and Fáilte. Apply online www.michaelafoundation.com. All volunteers must be vetted and complete child protection training. Further training will be provided for all volunteers.

Receptionist: World Meeting of Families 2018 is looking to fill the position of Receptionist in their offices in Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe. Full details available at: www.dublindiocese.ie/jobvacancies/

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL, Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from Thurs 17th - Sun 20th August. For young people aged 16 - 35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people, with over 1,400 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation only. Free buses travelling from all around Ireland. For more info and to book online, see www.youth2000.ie or Tel:01 6753690.

The Church Gate Collection on Sun. 9th July is in aid of the Sisters of the Holy Rosary and on Sun. 16th is in aid of St. Vincent De Paul Society.

Light Out of Darkness: This year's programme begins with an Information Meeting in the Capuchin Friary, Raheny at 8pm on Tues. 8th August. It then continues every Tuesday (for an hour) until Tues. Dec. 5th. The book *Light Out of Darkness* costs €10. Otherwise the course is free. What are you looking for in life? What are your goals? Does the Church play a part in what you are seeking? As a Catholic, are you searching for God? This course may be an answer for you to some, or to all of these questions. Places on the course may be limited so enrolments will at the Information Meeting only.