

Sunday 4th March 2018

Third Sunday of Lent

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The *You Shall Be My Witness* programme for Confirmation candidates will continue at 8p.m. on **Monday next, 5th March**, in the Church.

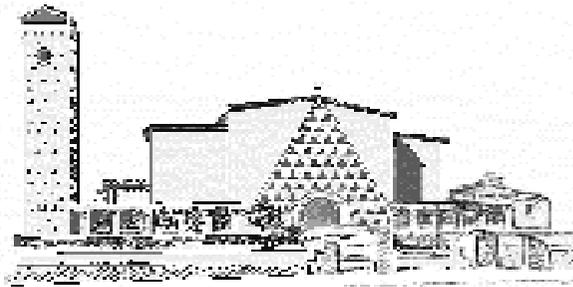
Pupils from Scoil Áine will receive the **Sacrament of First Penance** in the Church at 7:30p.m. on **Tuesday next, 6th March**.

Eucharistic Adoration continues in the Church each Thursday after 10a.m. Mass for one hour. All are welcome.

The **Novena of Grace** will take place in Holy Trinity Parish Donaghmede daily from Sunday 4th March to Monday 12th March, with Mass at 7:30p.m. weekdays and 11:30a.m. on Sundays. This year's speaker will be Carmelite priest, Fr. Vincent O'Hara. All are welcome.

A **Pro-Life Rally** to save the 8th Amendment will be held on **Saturday 10th March at 2p.m.** It will start at the Garden of Remembrance. Your support is earnestly sought for this most important Rally for Life. Be there! Be part of it! Keep Ireland Pro-Life. Save lives! Save the 8th!

World Meeting Host a Family: Do you have a spare room in your home and want to help? Thousands of people will be travelling from very distant places to participate in World Meeting of Families 2018 (Dublin, 21-26 August 2018). Many would be unable to come if they also had to cover the cost of accommodation. Would you be willing to host a person, a couple or a family next August? Learn more at www.worldmeeting2018.ie/hostafamily, or phone (01) 5676800.



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THE DEEP END: Who do you think you are?

What gives you the right? Who do you think you are? In our world, it can be difficult to work out who has authority to speak on certain issues. There are 'experts', both qualified and unqualified, at every turn, telling us how we should spend or invest our money, how we should bring up our children, how we should eat, exercise or dress. We usually manage to tune a lot of it out. But when unsolicited advice or criticism is aimed directly at us, we can feel under attack and react accordingly. 'What gives you the right to tell me how to live my life?' is a common response. We sometimes need to hear someone's credentials before we are willing to give them a fair hearing.

The Temple scene in today's gospel sparks a debate about Jesus' authority. When the Jews question him, asking for a sign to justify what he has done, it is as if they are saying 'Who do you think you are, coming in here, criticising our activities and telling us how to run things?' In calling the Temple 'my Father's house,' Jesus has already identified the source of his authority, but his interrogators do not seem to understand, nor indeed do his disciples. This scene offers much more than an angry Jesus and a clueless audience. It is a public revelation by Jesus that he is the authoritative Son of God, and a foreshadowing of his death and resurrection.

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Mass Intentions for this week

Sat:	6.00p.m.	Carmel Coates (M. Mind) Oliver Kerr (M. Mind) Dymphna Moriarty (Anniv.) May McSweeney & Family (Anniv.)
Sun:	8.30a.m.	Maureen Lavin (Rec. Dec'd) Finbar Hickey (Rec. Dec'd)
	10.00a.m.	For the intentions of all who sympathised with the Rush family on their recent bereavement
	11.30a.m.	Rita Meagher (rec. Dec'd) David Cagney (Anniv.) Stella Howlin (Anniv.)
Mon:	10.00a.m.	James McMahon ~ Requiem Mass
Tues:	10.00a.m.	Peggy Kelly (Rec. Dec'd)
Wed:	10.00a.m.	Pauline Byrne-Nunan (Anniv.)
Thurs:	10.00a.m.	Health Intention
Fri:	10.00a.m.	Valerie Brophy (1st Anniv.)

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Peggy Kelly** whose funeral took place in our parish church this week. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends. May she rest in the peace of Christ. We also remember James McMahon whose Funeral Mass will be celebrated next Monday at 10a.m.

Next Sunday's Readings (Fourth Sunday of Lent):
2 Chron 36:14-16, 19-23. Ps 136, R/ v 6. Eph 2:4-10.
Jn 3:14-21.

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 to be taken after all Masses **next weekend, 10th/11th March**, is in aid of the local Conference of the **St. Vincent De Paul Society**.