

**Sunday 6th May 2018**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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The **Icon of the Holy Family**, which was specially commissioned by WMOF2018, has been travelling to Churches in every diocese since it was unveiled and anointed in Knock in August 2017. It will arrive at **St. Gabriel's Church**, Dollymount, on Wednesday next, 9th May at 12:30p.m. and will leave after 10a.m. Mass on Friday morning, 11th May. All are welcome to come and view the icon.

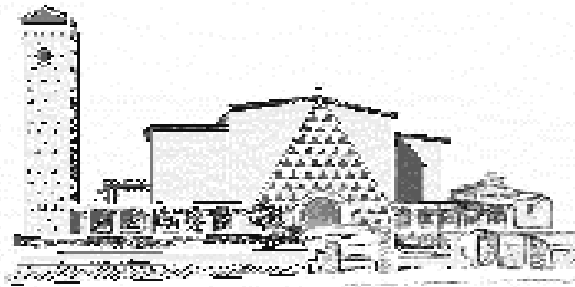
Congratulations to all the 6th Class pupils from **Scoil Áine, Scoil Assaim and Springdale N.S.** who received the Sacrament of **Confirmation** in our Parish Church last Thursday. We hope that the gifts of the Holy Spirit will guide them throughout their lives.

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

The Sacrament of **Confession** is available in our Church after 10a.m. Mass on Fridays (except if a funeral is taking place) and also on request.

#### **Choose Life 2018 - Resources for Parishes**

Every week, the Catholic Communications Office in Maynooth circulates a double-sided newsletter *Choose Life 2018* for use in parishes. This promotes the Church's position on unborn human life and encourages family discussion on this important subject. The newsletter is published each week on the diocesan website at [www.dublindiocese.ie/choose-life-220182018](http://www.dublindiocese.ie/choose-life-220182018) Issue **Fourteen** is now available for download.



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#### **THE DEEP END: A brief history of love**

God does not have favourites, Peter tells us. You wouldn't think that was the case sometimes, listening to some of the people who purport to speak on his behalf.

When Professor Stephen Hawking passed away earlier this year, people from all walks of life paid tribute to his brilliance, his scientific legacy, his courage and his sense of humour. Professor Hawking's work taught the world so much about the boundless mysteries of the universe. Though he considered himself an atheist, he believed that life had meaning, and that we should always be curious about how the universe came into existence. He believed in love, and is quoted as saying 'It would not be much of a universe if it wasn't home to the people you love.'

And yet, after his death, there were some who couldn't resist the opportunity to ask: where is he now, this man who did not believe in God? The judgement and lack of compassion was staggering, coming as it did from 'Christian' commentators. Where is the love in such attitudes?

Today we bring everything back to one word: love. There are more than 20 references to love in today's readings. God's love does not discriminate. In the second reading we hear that 'everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God', while 'anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love.' That love that God showed by sending his Son for us, is the same generous, wholehearted, self-sacrificing love we are called to show others – whether their beliefs align with ours or not. God does not have favourites.

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#### **Mass Intentions for this week**

<b>Sat:</b>	<b>6.00p.m.</b>	Patrick O'Connor (Rec. Dec'd) Teresa Rooney (Anniv.) Frank Johnson (Anniv.)
<b>Sun:</b>	<b>8.30a.m.</b>	Tom Comerford (B'day Rem)
	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Niall Reynolds (Rec. Dec'd)
	<b>11.30a.m.</b>	Jack O'Neill (Anniv.) Pearl Thompson (Anniv.) Mary & Percy Mooney (Anniv.) Fr. Maurice O'Connor (Anniv.) Paddy Atkins (B'day Rem)
<b>Mon:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Sean Clancy (Rec. Dec'd)
<b>Tues:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Requiem Mass ~ Dermot Lavelle
<b>Wed:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Margaret McCafferty (Rec. Dec'd)
<b>Thurs:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Barney Curran (Anniv.)
<b>Fri:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Eileen Coyle (Rec. Dec'd)

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Mary Turner** and **Tony Fuller** whose funerals took place in our parish church this week. We also remember **Dermot Lavelle** whose funeral will take place on Tuesday next. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

#### **Next Sunday's Readings (The Ascension of the Lord):**

Acts 1:2-11. Ps 46:2-3, 6-9, R/ v 6. Eph 1:17-23.  
Mk 16:15-20.

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.