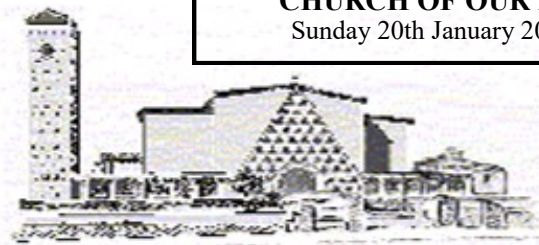


CHURCH OF OUR LADY MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE, Raheny

Sunday 20th January 2019 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle C Week 2



Children from **Scoil Aine** are in the **Laudate Choir** singing in Our Lady of Victories Church in Ballymun on Tuesday 29th Jan at 7 p.m. Entry free and all welcome.

Prayer and Reflection Group Spring Talk

We can find it hard to let go of past hurts and disappointments and move on positively when our lives are damaged. But we can ask: 'What is the meaning of my life?' 'How has my life's journey been so far?' 'What do I want to change, with God's help?'

Brian Grogan S.J will lead a discussion on 'Decisions; Letting Go and Moving On'. **Wednesday January 30th @7.30p.m** in the Old Baptistry.

Any parishioner who would be interested in becoming a **Minister of the Word** or a **Minister of the Eucharist** is invited to contact the Parish Office, phone (01) 8313232.

The Churchgate Collection to be taken after all Masses next weekend, 19th/20th January, is in aid of the local Conference of the St. Vincent De Paul Society

A Parish Meeting reflecting on the challenge of renewing our faith, as requested by Archbishop Martin, will take place on Saturday 26th January at 11a.m. in the Church. Your input would be greatly appreciated.

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THE DEEP END: 'The First of His Signs'

This is a familiar story, rich in symbolism. It is the first 'sign' recorded in John's Gospel. These 'signs' in John's Gospel are miracle stories but John prefers to use the term 'sign,' as they point to something far more than just the miracle itself. John used these signs to encourage belief in his readers but they are also an invitation for us to understand something more of how God operates in our lives.

Jesus transforms the water which would be used for the Jewish purification rite. He takes something used to give life to people, and transforms it into something which brings joy, celebration and new life to the party. There are many messages we can take from this account: the ability of God to transform our lives, to transform that which is dead and stale. The abundance of wine (approx. 700 litres!) is a significant reminder of the abundance of God's love for us, beyond our comprehension.

We could also focus on the role of Mary in this Gospel – she is the one who notices, she is attentive to the needs of those around her and brings this concern to Jesus. We might pray today that we too may be able to notice, to see, to intervene when we are faced with situations that need attention. This may be a situation of injustice or it may be a situation where something in our own lives or in our church has become dead and stale and is in desperate need of new wine.

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Next Sunday's readings

Neh 8:2-6, 8-10. Ps 18:8-10, 15, R/ Jn 6:63. 1 Cor 12:12-30
Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Feastdays this week : Mon 21st - St. Agnes, Thursday 24th - St. Francis de Sales, Friday 25th - The Conversion of St. Paul, Saturday 26th - Ss Timothy and Titus.

MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00pm	Tom Considine (Month's Mind) Deirdre Carolan-O'Regan (Anniv.) Kevin O'Brien (Anniv.) Catherine Ryan (Anniv.) Kathy and Oliver Kerr (Anniv.)
Sun	8.30am	Cecilia and Tom McDermott (Anniv.)
	10.00am	Rita Brennan (Rec. Dec'd)
	11.30am	Vincent Duffy (Anniv.) The Duffy Family (Anniv.) Lily O'Brien (Anniv.)
Mon.	10.00am	Funeral Mass of Maureen Hayes
Tues.	10.00am	Fred Crowe (Rec. Dec'd)
Wed.	10.00am	Billy and Ciaran Stanbridge (Anniv.)
Thurs.	10.00am	Orla Gosnell (Rec. Dec'd)
Fri.	10.00am	Health Intentions

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Josephine Capper** and **Maureen Hayes** who died this week. May they rest in peace. We also remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time. AMEN.

Confessions: After 10:00 a.m. Mass on Friday (Except during Funerals) and on request.

Mass cards available from the Parish office, 10am to noon, Monday to Friday.

Eucharistic adoration after 10am mass on Thursday only. Free Parking

Many thanks for your generous contributions to last week's collections