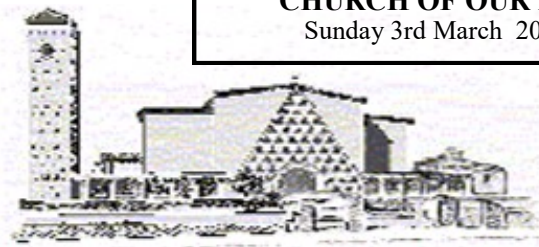


CHURCH OF OUR LADY MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE, Raheny

Sunday 3rd March 2019 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle C Week 4



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The Deep End • Joseph's Son

A prophet is never welcome in his home town. This familiar saying paraphrases the words of Jesus in today's Gospel: 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.' We might find ourselves sympathising with Jesus on this front: that feeling that no matter what we have done in our adult life, in our homeplace we are still identified with the child we were or the family we came from. Sadly there are some who seem to delight in taking others down a peg or two and ensuring they don't get ideas 'above their station'.

Perhaps we ourselves have this tendency sometimes. We can be guilty of pigeonholing people, of silencing their voices because their message comes in the wrong package. We don't always recognise the prophets among us. Do we listen to young people's opinions? Do we dismiss the experience and wisdom of elderly people? Are we biased against certain groups of people, or do we shoot people down before they even speak, just because we have disagreed with something they said in the past?

Jesus, the carpenter's son, faces this attitude in today's Gospel. Returning home to Nazareth he impresses his former neighbours at first with his preaching. But as soon as he challenges them, they turn on him. They refuse to listen to his message of hope and inclusion. They hustle him out of town and attempt to throw him from a cliff. 'Joseph's son' should not be speaking to them in this manner. Joseph's son should know his place.

*Triona Doherty
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Please remember in your prayers the girls and boys of Scoil Aine, Scoil Assaim and Springdale National School who will receive the Sacrament of Penance this week and next.

Dollymount Parish: Fr. Dermot Mansfield S.J. will give the Novena of Grace in St. Gabriel's Church, Dollymount, from Monday 4th to Tuesday 12th March. The prayers will be recited each morning at the 10am Mass and during all weekend Masses. A box for your petitions will also be available and Fr. Dermot will take these each day after Mass and include them in his prayers.

Faithfest for Teenagers Join us on Friday 8 March for Faithfest from 6.00-9.30pm. in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3. Faithfest aims to create spaces where teenagers have an experience of a peer community, explore faith, and encounter an experience of welcoming, belonging, discipleship, worship and prayer in a creative and fun atmosphere. All welcome. See evangelisation.ie for further details.

2019 Knock Pilgrimage – Save the Date (Saturday 27th April 2019) Celebrating 140 years of our National Marian Shrine, Our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will be led by His Grace Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. For queries email: knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie

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

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00pm	Terry McKeever (1st Anniv.) David Cagney (Anniv.) Kathleen Gordon (Anniv.) Brid O'Donovan (Anniv.)
Sun	8.30am	Molly Corcoran (Anniv.) Tom and Eithne Kavanagh (Rec. Dec'd) Philomena and Joseph Whelehan (Anniv.)
	10.00am	Maureen Ford (Anniv.) Erwin Sonnichsen (Anniv.) Herman Oje (Anniv.)
	11.30am	John Herbert (Anniv.) Con Sullivan (Anniv.) Dymphna Moriarty (Anniv.)
Mon.	10.00am	Parishers Intentions
Tues.	10.00am	Elizabeth Weldon (Anniv.)
ASH WEDNESDAY		
Wed.	10.00am	Mary McCartney (Rec. Dec'd)
Thurs.	10.00am	Gerard De Brit (Rec. Dec'd)
Fri.	10.00am	Walter Lawlor (Rec. Dec'd)

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. AMEN.

Next Sunday's readings : First Sunday of Lent Deut 26@4-10. Ps 90:1-2, 10-15, R/v 15. Rm 10:8-13. Lk 4:1-13

Many thanks for your generous contributions to last weekend's collections.

Liturgy Group Meeting will take place on Tuesday 5th March at 10.30am.