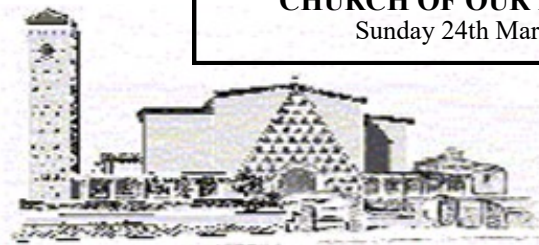


CHURCH OF OUR LADY MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE, Raheny

Sunday 24th March 2019 Third Sunday of Lent Cycle C Week 2



Lent in St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral

Come along to St Kevin's Oratory – (Entrance from Cathedral) for Lent on Wednesdays. A Springtime of Faith with Fr Kieran J. O'Mahony, OSA continues on the: 27 March and 3, 10 April. Masses will be at 10.30am and 12.45pm. All welcome.

Teams of Our Lady, a movement which supports and encourages Christian married couples, of all ages, to live out their sacrament, is holding an information evening on Saturday, 30th March 2019, in Mount Argus Parish Centre, 2nd Floor, Parish of St. Paul of the Cross, Mount Argus, Dublin 6, starting at 8pm. If you would like to know more, before coming along, feel free to call Anne on 086 0695906 or Mark on 086 0520641.

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

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The Deep End • It May Bear Fruit Next Year

Today's Gospel brings a thorny question for Jesus, as the people ask why a number of Galileans were killed by the Romans as they made sacrifices to God. The basic question is why do bad things happen to certain people? Some Jewish leaders at the time viewed the Galileans as second-class Jews, and so they are raising more than a question about meaningless suffering here. They want to know if the Galileans suffered because they were not really 'Jewish enough.' Jesus responds with a sharp question about a recent tragedy involving those killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them. Were they worse offenders than others in Jerusalem? No. Jesus responds further by focusing on those who are still living. In the parable of the fig tree we hear that the tree is not producing any fruit and probably should be cut down. However, the owner of the vineyard agrees to one more year, during which it is given special attention.

Jesus' response to the difficult question on suffering is to focus on the living. We are still alive and therefore should be producing much fruit. Perhaps those who are questioning Jesus need, like the fig tree, much fertiliser, nourishment and growth so that they can focus on producing fruit for the world. The fig tree is blessed, and has received much grace in terms of time and care. The parable is a reminder to all of us of the nourishment and time we have been given; it is a call to examine the fruits that we produce in this world, in our communities, our families and in our church.

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St Joseph's Young Priests Society is meeting at 2.30pm in the Old Baptistry on Monday. All welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00pm	Patrick Tobin (Anniv.) Kevin and Philomena Brennan (Anniv.)
Sun	8.30am	John and Ellen Hunt (Anniv.) For all who sympathised with the family of Margaret Dalton on their recent bereavement.
	10.00am	The McGlue Family (Anniv.) Betty and Jim Green (Anniv.)
	11.30am	Tony, Lily and Marion Gibson (Anniv.) Brian Bennett (Anniv.)
Mon.	10.00am	Parishioners Intentions
Tues.	10.00am	Funeral Mass of Rose O'Donovan
Wed.	10.00am	John Cunnion (Anniv.)
Thurs.	10.00am	Mary Cartney (Rec. Dec'd)
Fri.	10.00am	Jane Barrow (Rec. Dec'd)

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Pauline Dolan** and **Rose O'Donovan** who died recently. We also remember in our prayers those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. AMEN.

Next Sunday's readings : Jos 5:9-12. Ps 33:2-7, R/ 9. 2 Cor 5:17-21. Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday 25th March - The Annunciation of the Lord.

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

Volunteer required to help with altar linen laundry (small items). If interested please contact the parish office 8313232. Thank you.