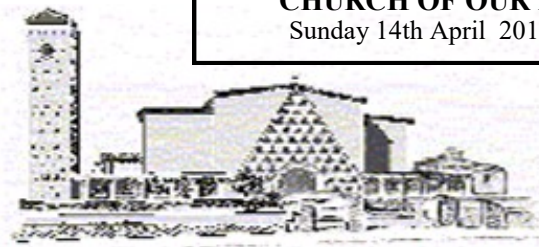


CHURCH OF OUR LADY MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE, Raheny

Sunday 14th April 2019 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Cycle C Week 2



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The annual **ADVOCATE** collection for the Sunshine Fund takes place on this weekend. The Sunshine Fund, a special works conference of the St. Vincent de Paul provides summer holidays for children all over Dublin who need a holiday. This collection is their only source of funds. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Advance Notice: A Week of Guided Prayer, from 12th to 18th May will be taking place in our Parish. Participants are invited to do two things each day during the week, namely to spend 30 minutes in personal prayer at home and secondly to meet with a prayer guide for 30 minutes at an agreed time. The full group meets both at the start and conclusion of the week. Further details and application forms are available from the Parish Office. Completed forms must be returned by Tuesday 30th April 2019.

Teaching and Healing Through the Scriptures
 St. John the Evangelist Church, Kilbarrack, will host an evening with Br. Johnson on Wed 24th April, commencing with Mass @ 7pm. His preaching is accompanied by healing. Contact Yvonne on 0872304010. All welcome.

Anam Cara, is holding a Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wed 17th April at 7:20pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords. .

The Deep End We know where Jesus is going to end up, and Jesus knows it too. At the beginning of today's Mass, we hear of Jesus' spectacular entry into Jerusalem. The crowds who greet him cry out and praise God – the King has come! It is similar to how victorious army generals were welcomed home. These people have set their hopes on Jesus. They are waiting for a Messiah and King, and have heard so much about this preacher – is he the one they've been waiting for?

But Jesus is not the hero they've been expecting. He has not come to raise up an army or become a great political leader. Quite the opposite: Jesus has come to Jerusalem to die. The story takes a dark and dramatic turn, and we are plunged into a tale of arrest, trial, torture and death. Before long, the crowds are shouting 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' and taunting him on the cross to 'save himself if he is the Christ of God'. Jesus' triumphant entrance into the city is also his entry into his betrayal, suffering, and death.

We play our part in the unfolding drama today, as we first hold up our palm branches and later join the crowds condemning Jesus. In his Palm Sunday homily to young people last year, Pope Francis said the changing reactions of the crowds 'expresses the contradictory feelings that we too, the men and women of today, experience: the capacity for great love, but also for great hatred; the capacity for courageous self-sacrifice, but also the ability to 'wash our hands'.'

Today we place ourselves in the Passion of Jesus, and we look to the Cross as our consolation and our challenge.

Triona Doherty (trionad@gmail.com)

Pro Life Dublin Talk - A Conversation with Prof Gerard Casey and talk by Vicky Wall of Every Life Counts on Tuesday April 16th at 7:30pm at Wynns Hotel, Abbey Street Lower, All welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00pm	David Brennan (Anniv.) Teresa Church (1st Anniv.) Norman Church (Anniv.) Charles Foran (Anniv.)
Sun	8.30am	Pat Lacey (Rec. Dec'd) Kate Cronin (Anniv.)
	10.00am	Harry Leahy (Rec. Dec'd) Charlie Jackson (Anniv.) Health Intentions
	11.30am	Jeremiah and his daughter Margaret O'Leary (Anniv.) Sean Joseph Clancy Jr. (1st Anniv.) Eddie Duffy (Anniv.)
Mon.	10.00am	Parishioners Intentions
Tues.	10.00am	Patrick Smyth (Rec. Dec'd)
	7.30pm	PENITENTIAL SERVICE
Wed.	10.00am	Keith Roche and Deirdre Donohue on the occasion of their marriage
Thurs.	10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church
	7.30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
	9.30pm	"Watch and Pray" for one hour
Fri.	10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church
	12.00pm	Stations of the Cross for Children
	3.00pm	Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion with Holy Communion
	7.30pm	Meditation and Prayer on the Stations of the Cross
Sat.	10.00am	Morning Prayer
	9.00pm	Easter Vigil

Confessions : 10.30am to 11am
 on Good Friday and Holy Saturday

Next Sunday's readings : Acts 10:34, 37-42. Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23, R/ v 24. Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8. Jn 20:1-9