CHURCH OF OUR LADY MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE, Rahenv Sunday 18th August 2019 Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time Cycle C Week 4

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

PILGRIMAGES TO KNOCK SHRINE

Sunday Sept. 8th: National Grandparents Pilgrimage (see poster in Church porch)

Sunday Sept. 29th: Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage. Cost €35 (includes coach, snack and hot meal) Departs parish church at 7.30am. Contact Sean or Betty on 8313951 or 087 6435036 to book.

Many thanks for your generous contributions to last weekend's collections. This weekend's Church Gate collection is in aid of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

"Mary's journey to Heaven began with that "yes" pronounced at Nazareth. Every "yes" to God is a step towards Heaven, towards eternal life. Because the Lord wants us all with Himself, in His house! "

Pope Francis, via Twitter, August 2019

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THE DEEP END Three Against Two and Two Against Three

Sadly, many people are no strangers to family feuds. In past generations, things like land and inheritance were major causes of family disagreements, causing parents to fall out with sons or daughters, or siblings to stop speaking for years. We may have heard other stories from our own families – secrets that were not talked about, relatives who were shunned for 'shaming' the family. These attitudes are dying away, and that is good. We are less concerned with keeping up appearances, and more focused on ensuring children feel loved and supported.

Yet, there will always be conflicts in family life. Differences of opinion can arise over beliefs or choices, sometimes causing immense hurt on both sides. Often these disagreements are between generations. Parents who have raised their children in the faith can feel hurt when a son or daughter drifts away, or decides not to pass on the faith to their own children. Grandparents often carry this burden too.

Some conflict is unavoidable as we navigate these situations, but we have a choice – do we allow anger and hurt to shape our interactions with loved ones, or do we listen with respect and try to understand and find common ground? Perhaps these inevitable conflicts are what Jesus refers to in today's Gospel - father divided against son, mother against daughter. It's a surprising statement given his usual focus on peace. But then, following Jesus is not a smooth path. Peace can be hard-won, particularly in families where there are so many different personalities and opinions. Let us pray for wisdom and patience to navigate the tougher times.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00pm	Tommy Cooney (Anniv.) Michael O'Sullivan (Anniv.)
Sun	8.30am	Philomena Dowdall (Rec. Dec'd) Health Intentions
	10.00am	Paddy and Hannah Kelly (Anniv.) Leo and Madeleine Meyler (Anniv) Thanks Given
	11.30am	Una Sheehan (Anniv.) Mary Ryan (Anniv.) Tom Early (Anniv.) Deceased members of the Derhan Family(Anniv.)
Mon.	10.00am	Parishioners Intentions
Tues.	10.00am	Eileen Byrne (7th Anniv.)
Wed.	10.00am	Holy Souls Des McEvoy (2nd Anniv.)
Thurs.	10.00am	Mary and Laurence Wogan (Anniv.)
Fri.	10.00am	Aiden Robinson (Anniv.)

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of

Cian Markham whose funeral took place this week. We also remember those who died recently and whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. AMEN.

Next Sunday's readings: Is 66:18-21. Ps 116,R/ Mk 16:15. Heb 12:5-7, 11-13. Lk 13:22-30

Feastdays This Week

Tuesday 20th - St. Bernard Wednesday 21st - St Pius X

Thursday 22nd - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Marv

Saturday 24th - St. Bartholomew