



**CHURCH OF OUR LADY MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE, Raheny**  
 Sunday 20th September 2019 Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time Cycle C Week 1  
**MISSION SUNDAY**

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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**

Bangle found in Our Lady Mother of Divine Grace Church. Please contact Parish Office on 01-8313232. Office hours are Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

**Volunteers Required for St. Francis Hospice Christmas Appeal** in Donaghmede Shopping Centre on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Support us in selling our Hospice Merchandise at our stand. Please contact Margaret on 01 829400 or email volunteers@sfh.ie Thank you.

**CRYING OUT**

The judge in the parable we hear today is hardly a role model. He delivers justice to the widow, not because he cares about her but because he wants to get rid of her. He acts out of selfishness. This unjust judge is in contrast with God, who is full of compassion, particularly for those who are most in need. When his people cry out, God hears their pleas. On the surface, the parable is about the need to pray and not lose heart, and the faithfulness of God. But like many of Jesus' parables, it has many layers. It also teaches us about justice, and how we should respond to those crying out for justice. At the time of Jesus, widows were one of the most vulnerable groups in society; many were left without resources after the death of a husband. In our own country and in other parts of the world, millions of people continue to cry out for justice. Are we like the unjust judge, burying our head in the sand and simply hoping they will go away? Do we offer a half-hearted response, just to make ourselves feel better? Or is our response rooted in a real sense of justice and compassion?

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**Mission of my Life by St. John Henry Newman**

God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments. Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Vigil</b>	6.00pm	Brenda Doody (Anniv.) All who sympathised on the death of Mairead (Madge) O'Dea
<b>Sun</b>	8.30am	Fred and Margaret Emery (Anniv.) Ivo O'Sullivan (Anniv.)
	10.00am	Philomena Gargan (1st Anniv.) Stephen Gargan (Anniv.) Special Intention
	11.30am	Marie Mahan (Rec. Dec'd) Sarah-Kate Ferriter (Anniv.) Ambrose Murphy (Anniv.)
<b>Mon.</b>	10.00am	Parishioners Intentions
<b>Tues.</b>	10.00am	Gemma Robinson (Anniv.)
<b>Wed.</b>	10.00am	Kathleen Doyle (Anniv.)
<b>Thurs.</b>	10.00am	Health Intentions
<b>Fri.</b>	10.00am	Health Intentions

We pray for the happy repose of the soul **George McCarthy** of 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.

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

This weekend the SHARE collection is replaced by the **Mission Sunday** collection

**Next Sunday's readings :** Eccles (Sir) 35:12-14, 16-19. Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23, R/ V7. 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18. Lk 18:9-14.