

**NEXT BAPTISM  
PREPARATION MEETING**  
- will be on Tuesday, 29th October  
at 8pm, for Baptisms on Sunday, 3rd  
November



CHURCH OF OUR LADY  
MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE

Phone: (01) 831 3232  
e-mail: info@rahenyparish.ie  
Website: www.rahenyparish.ie

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Vigil</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Sean McMahon (Rec. dec'd) Marie Mahon (Rec. dec'd) Frances Kelly (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>	Eoghan O'Suilleabhain (Anniv.) Bernadette Murphy (Anniv.)
	<b>10.00am</b>	Pearl McDonald (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.) John McDonald (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) Michael & Mary McCormack & their daughter Annette (Anniv.)
	<b>11.30am</b>	Kathleen and Tony Doyle (Anniv.) Maureen Westbury (Anniv.) Des Garvey & dec'd members of the Garvey & O'Hanlon families (Anniv.)
<b>Mon</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Parishioners' Intentions
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Elizabeth & Thomas Howley (Anniv.) Anslem & Mary Devereux (Anniv.)
<b>Wed</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Maureen Cowell (Rec. dec'd.)
<b>Thur</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Teresa McCreanor (Rec. dec'd.)
	<b>6.00pm</b>	Vigil Mass for All Saints Day
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>ALL SAINTS DAY (Holy Day)</b>
<b>Sat.</b>		<b>ALL SOULS DAY</b>

### THE MEANING OF LIFE

After the Second World War, a Greek man named Alexander Papaderous founded an Institute of Peace and Understanding on the island of Crete, as a response to the atrocities that had taken place there during the war. One day, while taking questions at the end of a lecture, someone asked him 'What is the meaning of life?' In response, Papaderous took a small mirror out his wallet, and said: 'I am a fragment of a mirror whose whole design and shape I do not know. Nevertheless, with what I have I can reflect light into the dark places of this world – into the black places in the hearts of men and women – and change some things in some people. Perhaps others may see and do likewise. This is what I'm about. This is the meaning of my life.'

Papaderous was a person of great humility, aware of how small and seemingly insignificant each one of us is, but full of faith that we can still do great things. Like the tax collector in the parable we hear today, he was aware of his unworthiness, but open to light and hope.

In today's Gospel we are invited to put ourselves in the shoes of the Pharisee, who regarded himself as superior to others, and the tax collector, who throws himself on the mercy of God. Which of them sees the bigger picture?

*Jane Mellett (mellettj@gmail.com)*

### Annual Remembrance Mass:

for all who died during the last year in St Monica's Parish, at 7.30pm, in St Monica's Church, Edenmore, on Friday 8th November, and

for all who died during the last year in St Benedict's Parish, at 7pm, in St Benedict's Church, Grange Park, on Saturday 9th November

### GARDINER STREET PARISH AUTUMN TALKS:

Based on the question: "What does it mean to be a Christian".

Being a Christian means ....

**2nd Nov. 9.30am: Practising Prayer and discernment.** Speaker: Fr. Brendan McManus SJ

Input from the speaker is followed by coffee. Then there will be a chance to deepen a question or a text in a simple prayer exercise and finally discuss our findings before a simple lunch of soup and sandwiches for those who wish to stay. Voluntary contribution is suggested.

Church Gate Collection this Sunday, is in aid of the local Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

A performance of **Handel's Messiah** takes place in St. Peter's Church, Phibsboro, on Sunday, 24th Nov.

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of all who have died recently. May they rest in the loving arms of our merciful God.

### Volunteers Required for Hospice Christmas Appeal

Please support us in selling our Hospice Merchandise at our stand in Donaghmede Shopping Centre on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November. If you can help, please contact Margaret on 01 829400 or email [volunteers@sfh.ie](mailto:volunteers@sfh.ie)

### READINGS Next Sunday (31st Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Wis 11:22-12:2  
Psalm: 144  
2 Thess 1:11-2:2  
Luke 19:1-10

