

Sunday 15th December 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

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The **Parish Penitential Service**, in preparation for Christmas, will take place on Monday next, 16th December at 7:30p.m. in the Church. All are encouraged to attend.

The Parish is running a **Toy Appeal** for the children of women in the Dóchas Prison. We would be grateful if you would bring a toy to Mass or drop any donations into the Parish Office for this worthy cause. Many thanks for your generosity.

The **Folk Group** will be holding a **Christmas Festival of Music** on Monday 16th December at 8p.m. in the Church. All are welcome.

The roster for Ministers of the Eucharist for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day is being finalised. Any Minister of the Eucharist who is available is asked to contact the Parish Office.

Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration continue in the Church each Thursday after 10a.m. Mass for one hour. Free car parking. All are welcome.

The **Sacrament of Confession** is available in our Church after 10a.m. Mass on Fridays (except if a funeral is taking place) and also on request.

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Pauline Moore, Brendan Kerrigan** and **Anthony Pettigrew** whose funerals took place in our parish church this week. We also remember **Teresa Bergin** whose funeral will take place on Thursday. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends. May they rest in the peace of Christ.



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GAUDETE SUNDAY

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday – *Gaudete* means ‘rejoice’. In our churches, the rose-coloured candle is lit on the Advent wreath to symbolise joy. Today’s readings bring out this sense of joyful anticipation of the Lord’s coming. The people of Jesus’ time would have been familiar with Isaiah’s talk of ‘everlasting joy and gladness’. And Jesus tells us: ‘Happy is the man who does not lose faith in me’. It is this personal encounter with Jesus that we celebrate at Christmas, God becoming man, the Good News announced by John the Baptist in today’s Gospel. We have reason to be happy – let’s make this Gaudete Sunday a real celebration.

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The closing date for enrolment for **Junior Infants** for September 2020 in our parish primary school, **Naíscoil Íde**, is Wednesday 15th January 2020.

Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are available in the Parish Office each weekday morning from 10:30a.m. to 12p.m.

Mass Intentions for this week

Sat:	6.00p.m.	Sarah Byrnes (Rec. Dec’d) Tom Fahy (Rec. Dec’d) Marcella Baldwin (8th Anniv.) Dermot Fitzsimons (Anniv.)
Sun:	8.30a.m.	Barbara Duff (Rec. Dec’d) Mark Byrne (Rec. Dec’d) Leo Malone (Rec. Dec’d)
	10.00a.m.	Josephine Nangle (Rec. Dec’d) Joseph Rush (Rec. Dec’d) Liam Memery (Anniv.) Katarzyna Wojtunik (Anniv.) Graf von Spee and his crew (100th Anniv.)
	11.30a.m.	Josephine Nangle (M. Mind) Margaret Horan (Anniv.) Richard Roche (1st Anniv.) Lily Gallagher (Anniv.) Anne Dunne (Anniv.)
Mon:	10.00a.m.	Parishioners’ Intentions
Tues:	10.00a.m.	Josephine Nangle (Rec. Dec’d)
Wed:	10.00a.m.	Sr. Paschal McMahon (Rec. Dec’d)
Thurs:	10.00a.m.	Requiem Mass ~ Teresa Bergin
Fri:	10.00a.m.	Mary & Frank Spollen (Anniv.)

Next Sunday’s Readings (Fourth Sunday of Advent):
Is 7:10-14. Ps 23:1-6, R/ cf. vv 7, 10. Rm 1:1-7.
Mt 1:18-24.

All services from our Parish Church are streamed live on our website www.rahenyparish.ie...just click on the *Watch Us Live* tab. The Parish Newsletter is also published weekly on the parish website.....click on the *Parish Bulletin* tab.