



**CHURCH OF OUR LADY MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE, Raheny**

Sunday 2nd February 2020 The Presentation of Our Lord Cycle A Week 4

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**The Presentation of the Lord  
2 February 2020 • World Day for Consecrated Life**

Unexpected moments: It was an important day for this little family, when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Did they expect everything to go smoothly, or had they already had to let go of some of their dreams and plans? After all, the story of Jesus' birth had already been unusual, not to mention the shepherds turning up to visit the newborn Messiah. Still, they could not have expected two elderly people to suddenly appear in the Temple with a message about their child – that he was going to do great things but also would be rejected and cause great pain to his mother. Was it at this moment that they realised life would never be the same again?

The most important messages can come from unexpected sources. Anna and Simeon were advanced in years, wise and devout people who had lived well, and still hoped and trusted in God's plan. This encounter was unexpected for them too, taking place close to the end of their lives; but they were ready, willing and able to recognise its significance. Their call was to be among the first people to encounter the Messiah and to share the Good News. What is our call? The story of Anna and Simeon shows us the value of being open to an encounter with Jesus. Despite what we have been through, or what stage we are at in life, there are good things to come. Each of us has something unique to offer. We pray that we will recognise the unexpected opportunities to encounter God that come our way.

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A Special Mass for Anointing of the Sick will be held on Sunday, 9th February at 11:30a.m. in our Parish Church. All are welcome.

**St Francis Hospice 5k Spring Memorial Walk**

This year's walk takes place in St. Anne's Park, Raheny, on Sunday, 8th March 2020 at 1pm, followed by refreshments and fun activities for all. The walk will be led by RTE's Kathryn Thomas along with staff & volunteers of St Francis Hospice. Join us with friends & family for this gentle 5K walk as we gather to remember all those the Hospice has cared for and raise much needed funds for St Francis Hospice.

Entry fee €20 per Adult. Children go free. Register online [www.sfh.ie](http://www.sfh.ie) or call into the Hospice reception.

**Northside Home Care Services Meals on Wheels** service delivers meals Monday to Friday to clients in their homes, and we provide a sit down service in our community kitchens. Our community kitchens are St Annes Court Raheny, St Brigids Court Killester, Rosevale Court Artane, Raheny Court Raheny. Would you like us to deliver a meal to a family member or neighbour that could benefit from a hot nutritious meal and a dessert for €5 per day. Contact Ad or Catherine 018058574

**Lectio Divina Group** starting Monday 24th February at 11am for 6 weeks in the Old Baptistry. Come along and explore the Lecten gospels. Contact parish office for further info.

Hymn sheets are available on the radiators so you can sing along with our choir at the 11.30am mass on Sunday.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Vigil</b>	6.00pm	Ella Sheridan (Month's Mind) Patrick Joseph O'Gorman and Nora O'Gorman and son Dermot O'Gorman grandson Nigel and baby Patrick O'Gorman (Anniv.)
<b>Sun</b>	8.30am	John and Brea Hunt (Anniv.) Padraig and Lillie O'Connor (Anniv.) Kim Robinson (Anniv.)
	10.00am	For the intentions of all who sympathised with the Kavanagh family on the death of Podge. Mary and Tony Donohue (B. Rem.)
	11.30am	Maeve Devlin (Month's Mind) Kate Devlin (Anniv.) Alice O'Neill (Anniv.) Dinny and Nancy O'Connell (Anniv.)
<b>Mon.</b>	10.00am	Parishioners Intentions Teresa McDermott (Anniv.)
<b>Tues.</b>	10.00am	Health Intentions
<b>Wed.</b>	10.00am	Margaret Hegarty (R.D.)
<b>Thurs.</b>	10.00am	Caitriona Kelly (R.D.)
<b>Fri.</b>	10.00am	Elizabeth Weldon (Anniv.)

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Johnny Perrem** whose funeral took place week. Please also remember in your prayers this week those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**Next Sunday's Reading** : Is58:7-10. Ps 111:4-9, R/ v 4. 1 Cor 2:1-5. Mt 5:13-16

**Holy Days this week**

Wednesday 5th St. Agatha

Thursday 6th Sts Paul Miki and companions