



MONSIGNOR MARTIN O'SHEA

Dear Parishioners, you are invited to join us after the 11.30am Mass this Sunday 16th November, in celebrating a presentation to Monsignor Martin O'Shea following his work amongst us during his time in Raheny Parish. Light refreshments will be served.

New Leadership Programme

The office for Evangelisation & Ecumenism is seeking nominations for a new leadership programme: **Foundational Leadership Programme for Young Adults**. This programme is designed to provide a forum wherein we can help facilitate and develop our future community leaders. It is designed to support young adults and, in turn, their parishes. It is a dynamic, integrative and highly practical programme which will enable the participants to begin developing their skills as leaders and role models within their local faith based communities. Pope Francis reminds us that 'young people are the windows through which we see the future' and the local parish is the seed bed for these young people to discover and grow in faith. For further information please contact Gerard Gallagher on 01-837 9253 or 01-837 3732.

Baptism We welcome into our church recently baptised Katie Angela Doyle, Daniel Patrick O'Neill, Caoilfhionn Gearóidín Murphy & Drew Marie Cummins. Congratulations to them and their families.

Meetings this week There will be a Liturgy Group meeting on Tuesday 18th November at 10.30pm.

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Sunday 16th November 2014

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle A Week 5

THE DEEP END • The Parable of the Talents

The parable we read today is not a lesson in capitalism. We must bear in mind that Jesus is frustrated with those who had been entrusted with ministering to his people. They had excluded the people and laid heavy burdens upon them. When we read the parable in this sense we can understand the exasperation of the Master. The talents should have been used to transform people's lives; used for embracing those on the margins; for standing up against injustice and inequality in the world. Yet many were afraid or blind to this, so they hid the talents and did not multiply them. It is a safer place to be.

Compare this outcome to the other servants. There is a beautiful verse in both cases which reads 'enter into the joy of your master'. Is this not what happens when we find that path that is right for us? Joy! When we use our talents and gifts in work or projects that are life-giving and meeting the needs of our communities? Joy is a fantastic emotion; a sign of God's grace. Despite the frustrations of whatever work we are involved in, the presence of joy is one sign that we are on the Kingdom track. The challenge is not to be afraid to go out there. Pope Francis asks that we have the 'smell of the sheep' and calls us to 'be courageous. A Church that does not go out of itself, sooner or later, sickens from the stale air of closed rooms'.



This weekend's Church Gate Collection is in support of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Next Sunday's Readings (Christ the King /A) :

Ex 34:11-12, 15-17 Ps 22:1-3, 5-6, R/ v 1. 1
Cor 15:20-26, 28. Mt 25:31-46.

Mass Intentions for the Coming Week

Vigil	6.00pm	Paddy & Pat Meade	Anniv.
Sun.	8.30am	Pro Populo	
	10.00am	Patricia Brennan	Rec. Dec.
	11.30am	Séamus & Teresa Smith	Anniv.
		Harry Byrne	1 st Anniv.
Mon.	10.00am	Paddy MacHugh -	Funeral Mass
Tues.	10.00am	Norah Abraham	Anniv.
Wed.	10.00am	Eamon Sheehan	Rec. Dec.
Thurs	10.00am	Robert McMahan	R.I.P.
Fri.	10.00am	Eamon Sheehan	Rec. Dec.
Sat.	10.00am	Norah & Liam Gilmartin	Anniv.

Our Lady Mother of Divine Grace – CAROL SERVICE



You are invited to an evening of Christmas Carols with the Raheny Folk Group in our Church on Monday, 15th December 2014 at 7.30pm with Special Guest appearance by Santa Claus. Admission is free and a voluntary basket

collection will take place at the interval for local charities and new folk group equipment. New members are very welcome. *Mark this date in your diary!*

Recently Deceased

We offer our sympathy to the families of the late Joan Molloy who's funeral took place at the 10.00am Mass on Saturday and Paddy Mac Hugh, who's funeral will take place at the 10am Mass on Monday morning. **May they Rest in Peace.**

