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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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Raheny Parish Website

Raheny Parish is on the web! Check out our new website on www.rahenyparish.ie. All Church services are streamed live on the site...just click on the *Watch Us Live* tab. This is a wonderful facility, especially for parishioners who are unable to attend Mass. The site also contains a wealth of information about all aspects of parish life and some terrific photographs of our Church.

The **Parish Office** will re-open on Monday 5th January 2015 at 10a.m.

World Day of Peace ~ 1st January 2015

The theme of 2015 World Day of Peace, chosen by Pope Francis, is "*Slaves no more but brothers and sisters*".

Unwanted Christmas Gifts Wanted!

Dubliners are being asked to decide what Christmas gifts they really need and give unwanted presents to homeless people. St. Mary's Pro Cathedral has made space at the crib available to take in any unwanted gifts such as games, clothing, hats, scarves and toiletries. The unwanted gifts are taken into storage by Crosscare – the social care agency of the Dublin Diocese – who redistribute them as gifts to people in their homeless and residential projects this time next year. People can leave their unwanted gifts at the crib in St. Mary's Pro Cathedral from now until 6th January.



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Seeing Your Life Through The Lens of the Gospels

Luke 1:22-40

What started out as an ordinary day for Joseph and Mary turned out to be a day with an encounter they would remember for a long time. Perhaps you too have had significant encounters on what you expected to be just an ordinary day?

Simeon gave thanks because his eyes saw the salvation God had prepared. In what ways have you experienced God's salvation in your life: an experience of being loved, or discovering a sense of purpose in life, or being touched by the wonders of creation? Give thanks for those memories.

Simeon also acknowledged that not all would accept the light that would shine through Jesus, and this rejection would be a cause of pain to Mary. It can be a source of pain to parents, teachers, church ministers, and all who work for others when some reject values, projects, advice which would be for their good. Perhaps a sword has sometimes pierced your soul as well. What has helped you to maintain hope in such times?

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Mass Intentions for this week

Sat:	6.00p.m.	Deceased Members of the Keegan Family June McLaughlin (1st Anniv.) Pat Meade (1st Anniv.) Paddy Meade
Sun:	8.30a.m.	Pro Populo
	10.00a.m.	Ann Whelan (Anniv.)
	11.30a.m.	Carmel Heron (Anniv.)
Mon:	10.00a.m.	Deceased Members of Our Lady Queen of Peace Praesidium of Legion of Mary
Tues:	10.00a.m.	Robert Brazil (Anniv.)
Wed:	10.00a.m.	Ann Whelan (Anniv.)
Thurs:	11.00a.m.	WORLD DAY OF PEACE Edmond Mortell (Rec. Dec'd)
Fri:	10.00a.m.	Altar List of the Dead
Sat:	10.00a.m.	Intentions of Alice Slattery

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of parishioners **Seoirse MacGabhann** and **Noreen Webb**, who died recently. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Next Sunday's Readings (Second Sunday of Christmas): Eccles 24:1-2, 8-12. Ps. 147:12-15, 19-20 R/ Jn 1:14 Eph 1:3-6, 15-18 Jn 1:1-18

A **Mass of Peace for the New Year** will be held on **Wednesday 31st December (New Year's Eve) at 11p.m.** in St. John the Evangelist Church, Kilbarrack/Foxfield. All are welcome.

The Priests of the Parish and the Newsletter Team wish all our parishioners and readers a very Happy and Peaceful New Year. We hope that 2015 will bring new beginnings, new hope, new joy and many blessings to all. Athbhliain fé mhaise daoibh go léir.