

Sunday 29th March 2015

Palm Sunday

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The Parish Communal Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place on **Tuesday 31st March at 7:30p.m.** Individual Confessions will also take place on **Holy Thursday** from 10:30 to 11:00; on **Good Friday** from 10:30 to 11:00 and on **Holy Saturday** from 10:30 to 11:30 and again from 2:30 to 3:00.

Easter cards detailing the times for all Holy Week Masses and Services are available on the radiators in the Church. Please take one home for reference. Note that Good Friday is a day of fast & abstinence and also that there will be NO 6p.m. Evening Mass on Holy Saturday.

Raheny Missionary Project is holding its Coffee Morning & Bumper Easter Raffle in the Cedar Lounge on Wednesday 1st April from 11a.m. to 12:30p.m. All welcome.

The outdoor collection this weekend is in aid of the **Sunshine Fund** in association with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Please give generously to this worthy cause which covers holidays for children who may not have the opportunity of any other holiday.

The Way of the Cross will take place from the Wellington Monument in the Phoenix Park on **Good Friday, 3rd April at 12pm** and will be led by **Most Rev. Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin.**

Next Sunday's Readings (Easter Sunday): Acts 10:34, 37-43. Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 R/V 24. Col 3:1-4 or 5:6-8. Jn 20 1-9.



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THE DEEP END ~ Palm Sunday

Today we read Mark's account of Jesus' Passion; yes it is the long Gospel but we should not miss out on the journey that this account offers us. A good question to ask is 'Where do I stand' in this Gospel? Are you looking on as a bystander, are you in the group of disciples, are you closer to the Roman Soldier who confesses Jesus' identity after his death – an unlikely hero? Perhaps it is a more difficult journey as you relate to Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, a Jesus who is 'distressed' and 'agitated' because of many things: isolation, the disappointment he must feel because of the abandonment of his closest friends, betrayal, loneliness, mocking, torture? Mark has Jesus die in total isolation.

The cry of abandonment on the cross has to be one of the most frightening aspects of this account: 'Eloi, Eloi Lema Sabbachtani?' My God, my God, why have you deserted me? At the crucial moment, even God is silent. This is not an easy journey. We know the story does not end there, but for this week we enter into the rawness of Mark's cross. We can remember those today who stand for justice, who fight for human rights, those who are counter-cultural, who stand against oppressive systems even though the path is dangerous and lonely. And we can continue to ask ourselves: 'Where do I stand?'

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Mass Intentions for this week

Sat:	6.00p.m.	John & Kathleen Forristal (Anniv)
Sun:	8.30a.m.	Pro Populo
	10.00a.m.	Joan & Michael Dowling (Anniv)
	11.30a.m.	John & Margaret Lowe (Anniv.) Br. Daniel Egan (Anniv.)
Mon:	10.00a.m.	Tom Hayes (Anniv.)
Tues:	10.00a.m.	Elizabeth Giblin (Rec. Dec'd)
Wed:	10.00a.m.	Patrick & Julia Egan (Anniv.)
Holy		
Thurs:	7.30p.m.	Mass of The Last Supper
Good		
Fri:	3.00p.m.	Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Holy		
Sat:	9.00p.m.	Easter Vigil

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Frank Daly**, late of Cill Éanna, whose funeral took place this week. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends and neighbours. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

Next meeting of **St. Joseph's Young Priests Society** takes place on Monday, 30th March at 2:30p.m. in the Side Chapel. All are welcome.

Howth/Sutton Lions club wishes to thank all parishioners for their very generous response to its recent collection for St. Francis Hospice which amounted to €1963.

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.