

Sunday 30th November 2014

First Sunday of Advent

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Liturgy Group Meeting

A Liturgy Group Meeting will take place on **Wednesday 3rd December 2014 at 10:30a.m.** All are welcome.

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Josephine Smyth**, Springdale Road and **John McDonnell**, Gairdini Lein who died recently. We also remember the late **Catherine Dunne**, formerly of Maywood Avenue, whose Funeral Mass will take place in our Church on Monday next. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Raheny Missionary Project

Raheny Missionary Project will be holding a Christmas Coffee Morning & Bumper Raffle in the Cedar Lounge on **Wednesday 3rd December 2014 from 11:00a.m. to 12:30p.m.** All are welcome.

Year for Consecrated Life 2015

Pope Francis has declared 2015 to be a special year of prayer and reflection on religious life, beginning on 29th November 2014 and ending on 2nd February 2016.

During this year, on each Thursday evening beginning on 4th December 2014 at 6.15pm in Clarendon Street Church, one of the religious orders in Ireland will lead a special celebration of Evening Prayer.

All are welcome to take part. Prayer Leaflets will be provided - Come and pray.



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The Deep End.....Waiting

You know that feeling of waiting for something or someone? It is a feeling of excitement or maybe anxiety. It can be a creative time, a time of high alert, where we may even be more aware of ourselves. Our senses are heightened especially when we are waiting for important news or results or waiting on a loved one to call or to arrive. Waiting is not always seen as a good thing but it can be a time for growth. And so, we enter into the season of waiting: Advent

These weeks are weeks of great hope and joy and we celebrate God entering into our lives once more. This short passage from Mark reminds us to be alert, to use this time to prepare. What will our preparations be like? God is with us in many different ways, trying to catch our attention in the midst of our crazy, busy days. As we fight our way through the queues in the coming weeks, can we use 5 minutes, 7 minutes, 20 minutes... to stop, be still, to ask God to enter into our hearts and lives once more.

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Feast Days this week

Wed: *St. Francis Xavier, Priest*
Thurs: *St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor*
Sat: *St. Nicholas, Bishop*

Mass Intentions for this week

Sat:	6.00p.m.	Eugenia & Michael Hogan (Anniv.)
Sun:	8.30a.m.	Pro Populo
	10.00a.m.	Marie Baker
	11.30a.m.	Mick, Mabel, Paddy & Annie Morrissey (Anniv.)
Mon:	10.00a.m.	Catherine Dunne (Funeral)
Tues:	10.00a.m.	Garreth Healy (Anniv.)
Wed:	10.00a.m.	Thomas & Mary Connolly (Anniv.)
Thurs:	10.00a.m.	Peter Sheridan (Anniv.)
Fri:	10.00a.m.	Vincent Crowley (Anniv.)
Sat:	0.00a.m.	Tom Ryan (Anniv.)

**Message from Mary & Joseph to the children of
Raheny Parish**

We will be visiting Raheny Church this Christmas with our new baby, Jesus. The journey begins on Sunday and we will reach the Church on Christmas Eve. We will need somewhere to stay every night, and would love if there was room at your house. We will bring you a special blessing this Advent as you welcome us into your home & help to prepare for our Son's birth on Christmas Day.

Please contact Anne Dooley (8311987) of the Family Mass Group if you would like Mary & Joseph to visit your home during Advent and for further information regarding this long standing parish event.

**Next Sunday's Readings (Second Sunday of
Advent):** *Is 40:1-5, 9-11. Ps 84:9-14, R/ v 8. 2
Pt 3:8-14. Mk 1:1-8. Lect 1:27*