

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

30th March 2008 - Second Sunday of Easter - Cycle A Week 2



This coming Friday is the 1st Friday of April. Mass will be celebrated at 7.30am and 10am. There is also the 1st Friday Holy Hour of Prayer between 3.30pm and 4.30pm in the Lady Chapel. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will continue all day and through Friday night until 6am on Saturday morning. (entrance through car park side door) Mass will be celebrated at 11pm in the Lady Chapel on Friday night.

This week the church will be open during the day as normal and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin daily after morning Mass until 6pm.

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Lily Gibson**, Lough Derg Road and **Paddy Daly**, Watermill Road who died recently. **R.I.P.**

### Thank you from the Family Mass team

Thank you to the 4th and 5th class boys and girls who produced the beautiful posters which you can see hanging up around the church. The posters were used to illustrate the story of the resurrection at the Family Mass on Easter Sunday morning and really made the story come alive for us all. Thank you also to the teenage and adult helpers who helped the children to decorate the posters at the Easter Art Workshop. A very special thank you too to artist Jean English who drew the posters for the children to decorate.

The Raheny Folkgroup is looking for new members. If you are over 18 and can sing and/or play an instrument we would love to hear from you. We sing at the 5pm mass on alternate Sundays and usually hold a practice one night prior to this. Please contact either Maeve Canavan at 086 6670609 or Susan Gibney at 8392469.

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### Thank You

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the many, many people who assisted in so many ways in the celebration of all the Easter Liturgies. Thank you to all who prepared the church grounds and who cleaned and decorated the church and to all who ministered in so many ways during the ceremonies. Thank you to the Mass co-ordinators who worked so hard to bring everything together and to the Sacristy and Serving teams, the Family Mass group and all involved in the ministry of music here in Raheny. Thank you all for giving your time and talents to help enhance our Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection. May the Blessings of Easter be with you all.

*Fr. Martin & Fr. Gerry*

### Feast Days this week

*Monday 31st March* - The Annunciation of the Lord

*Wednesday 2nd April* - St. Francis of Paola, hermit

*Today is the 3rd anniversary of the death of Pope John Paul II*

*Friday 4th April* - St. Isidore, bishop and doctor of the Church

*Saturday 5th April* - St Vincent Ferrer, priest

### Questions People Ask

**Q.** *Why is there a circle like a halo on the Celtic Cross?*

**A.** The cross represents death while the circle, being a line without beginning or end, represents eternal life. The bare cross has lines coming in from all directions, clashing at the centre. In this view, Jesus is the innocent victim at the centre of the storm stirred up by envy, political ambition, misplaced nationalism, betrayal etc. If one views the cross as lines coming out from the centrepoint, then it portrays the explosion of new life that was the resurrection. This was the understanding of the Celtic monks, so they added the circle of eternity to the cross.

*Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap*

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Vigil</b>	6.00pm	Bridie McClean (Month's Mind)
<b>Sun.</b>	8.30am	Pro Propulo
	10.00am	Robert Brazil (Anniv.)
	11.30am	Austin Sullivan (Anniv.)
	5.00pm	Michael & Elizabeth Hutchin (Anniv.)
<b>Mon.</b>	10.00am	Patrick & Liza Whyte (Anniv.)
<b>Tues.</b>	10.00am	Billy & Ciaran Stanbridge (Anniv.)
<b>Wed.</b>	10.00am	Deceased members of the Carroll family
<b>Thurs.</b>	10.00am	Siobhan Tracey (Anniv.)
<b>Fri.</b>	7.30am	Altar List of the Dead
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	3.30pm	to Holy Hour
	4.30pm	
<b>Sat.</b>	9.40am	Morning Prayer of the Church
	10.00am	Pdraig & Lillie O'Connor (Anniv.)

### Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts 2:14, 22-33. Ps 15. 1 Pet 1:17-21. Lk 24:13-35

Thank you to parishioners who contributed to last weeks SHARE collection which totalled €2,575.

The Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place this September. This year is a special one as it marks the 150th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady to St. Bernadette. Application forms for sick pilgrims are available from the Secretary, Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, Holy Cross College, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3. Tel : 01 8373732 Ext 256.