

CHURCH OF OUR LADY MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE, Raheny

4th May 2008 - Ascension of the Lord - Cycle A Week 3

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MASS INTENTIONS



**Pentecost Sunday
"Come Holy Spirit"**

You are invited to prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. This weekend we begin A Novena of Prayer to the Holy Spirit as part of our preparations for the feast of Pentecost. The novena prayers will be prayed at all masses this week from Saturday 3rd May to Sunday 11th May. Also everyone is welcome to join the parish community for an hour of prayer and reflection on the eve of Pentecost in the parish church on Saturday 10th May from 8pm to 9pm.

Next Sunday's 10am Mass will start with a special procession to mark the Feast of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit on us all, with all His special gifts. The Family Mass Group would like to invite all the boys and girls of the parish to come and help us with this procession. If you would like to help please be at the church at 9.50am.

Next Sunday, Pentecost, 11th May, a city centre walk will leave at 3pm from Ely House, Ely Place (off St. Stephen's Green East) stopping at sites of interest in the lives of Dublin's beatified martyrs before ending with multilingual prayers to Jesus the Divine Mercy for peace worldwide. See Church notice boards for details.

Questions People Ask

Q. In the forty days between the Resurrection and Ascension where was Jesus or what was he doing?

A. Jesus was fully glorified at his resurrection. His earthly body had gone, having served the mission of the incarnation. However, for the sake of his disciples in their transition from knowing him in the flesh to knowing him by faith, he came back to them in various apparitions. In each apparition story a particular aspect of faith is emphasised such as knowing the Lord in personal call (Magdalene), the breaking of bread, the appointment of Peter as shepherd. The ascension marks the final departure of Jesus and the closure of the transition period. "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe".

Fr. Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap

Please continue to remember in your prayers the boys and girls who are preparing for First Holy Communion on 17th and 24th May.

There will be a **Free Film Show** in the Conference Room (above the Candle Room) on Thursday 8th May at 3pm and 7pm. The films deal with two wonderful miracle cures at Lourdes and Medjugorje. Admission is free and all are welcome.

The Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock is on Sunday 18th May. Booking today at the rear of the Church after 10am, 11.30am masses and in the Sacristy, Monday to Friday 10.30am to 12noon. Bookings can also be made by phoning Vera Brazil @ 8317117.

The Parish Choir is looking for new members. If you are interested we would like to see you any Monday night at 7.30pm (rehearsal ends at 9.30pm). We sing at the 11.30am Mass on Sundays and for some special services during the year. You may telephone our Musical Director, Pattie at 8314931.

Vigil	6.00pm Eileen Cuneen (Month's Mind)
Sun.	8.30am Gertie Donnelly (Anniv.) 10.00am Thomas Bray (1st. Anniv.) 11.30am Anne Clyne (Anniv.) 5.00pm Pro Populo
Mon.	10.00am Marie O'Driscoll (Anniv.)
Tues.	7.30am Frances Dermody (1st. Anniv.) 10.00am Mollie & Peter Keane (Anniv.)
Wed.	7.30am Kieran O'Donoghue (Rec. Dec'd) 10.00am Special Intention
Thurs.	7.30am Jim Tyndall (Anniv.) 10.00am Special Health Intention
Fri.	7.30am Andrew Lynch (Rec. Dec'd) 10.00am Maureen Forde (Anniv.)
Sat.	9.40am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00am Michael, Pat & Christy Gordon (Anniv.)

Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts 2:1-11. Ps 103. 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23

Thank you to parishioners who contributed to last weeks SHARE collection which totalled €1880

Feastdays this week

Monday 5th - Blessed Edmund Rice (1762 - 1844)

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Clare Kelly** and **Gerald Buckley** recently deceased. **R.I.P.**

The Central Remedial Clinic, Vernon Avenue is holding a Sale of Work on Sunday 11th May from 11am to 4pm. It will be a great family day with something for all ages.