

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

21st December 2008 Fourth Sunday of Advent

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The local *Conference of St. Vincent De Paul* would like to thank everyone who contributed to our annual Christmas Collection which amounted to €24,601 and we would also like to thank everyone who donated toys for Christmas. On behalf of the Conference I would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and Happy New Year.

*Jack Sherlock, President.*

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of *Mary Bridget Kelly*, Howth Road, *Hugh Byrne*, Watermill Drive, *Margaret Horan*, Foxes Lane and *Sean O'Brien*, St. Assams Ave, all who died recently. May they rest in peace. Amen.

The **6pm Mass on Christmas Eve** is a special Mass for children and their families, celebrated with the help of the girls from Scoil Aine.

The **10am Mass on Christmas morning** will also be a Family Mass celebration.

There will be no Family Mass/Children's Liturgy on Sunday 28th December. The Family Mass will resume on Sunday 4th January.

On Monday 22nd December **Manor House School** will celebrate their annual **Carol Concert** in the Parish Church at 12 noon. All are welcome.

*As the Season of Advent comes to fulfilment we enter the Holy Season of Christmas. This festive time is a truly beautiful Christian Celebration and one shared with the whole world. Families endeavour to come together to celebrate, to enjoy time together and to exchange gifts. Christian communities gather to give thanks to God for the great gift of his Son and to pray and worship together. Here in Raheny we too will gather for many celebrations of the Christmas Liturgy and as we do so we welcome all who are visiting us. We welcome family and friends and those who have returned home to be with family and friends, we welcome new parishioners and we welcome those who are celebrating Christmas with us for the first time. We welcome all who join us over these days.*

*We also remember in our prayers those who are abroad, those in other parts of this island home of ours who are unable to be here for whatever reason and those who are ill at home or in hospital. We remember too, those with whom we have enjoyed past Christmas celebrations and who have now completed their earthly pilgrimage. They are never far from our hearts and prayers.*

*This Parish is blessed with a large team of people who minister in many varied ways during the whole year, we would like to wish you and your families a most Happy and Blessed Christmas.*

*To all our Parishioners, to all who worship and pray in this Parish Church and to all your families and visiting relatives and friends, we wish you a very Happy and Joyful Christmas. May the Lord's gift to you all be true peace of body, mind and spirit and renewed Faith, Hope and Love.*

*Yours,  
 Mgr. Martin O'Shea, Fr. Gerry Moore, Mgr. Colm Gallagher.*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Vigil</b>	6.00pm Tommy King (1st Anniv.)
	8.30am Pro Populo
	10.00am William Wilde (1st Anniv.)
	11.30am Jack McGettrick (Anniv.) and Bridget McGettrick (Rec. Dec'd)
	5.00pm Sean & Phyllis Kelly and Patrick & Bridget Connaughton (Anniv.)
<b>Mon.</b>	7.30am Mary & Michael Cahalan (Anniv.)
	10.00am Nora Abraham (Anniv.)
<b>Tues.</b>	7.30am Kevin Stratford (Memorial)
	10.00am Elizabeth & Tom Quinn (Anniv.)
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	
<b>Wed.</b>	10.00am Patrick & Julia Egan and Kate Byrne (Memorial)
	6.00pm Family Mass with Children's Choir
	9.00pm Concelebrated Mass with Adult Choir
<b>Christmas Day</b>	
<b>Thurs.</b>	8.30am All Masses for the intentions of all our parishioners and all who are celebrating Christmas with us.
	10.00am
	11.30am Mass with Folk Group
	No 5.00pm Mass
<b>Fri.</b>	10.00am Christine Carney Josephine Farrell (Anniv.)
<b>Sat.</b>	9.40am Morning Prayer of the Church
	10.00am Mary Ann & Gerard Feeney (Anniv.)



**HAPPY  
 CHRISTMAS  
 EVERYONE**

