

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

1st November 2009 Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle B Week 3



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This coming Friday is the 1st Friday of November. 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 weekend's Church Gate Collection is in aid of the **Marion Invalid Fund**.

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Jim Ward**, formerly of Raheny and **Rita Carton**, Cill Eanna who died recently. R.I.P.

The Special **Mass of Remembrance** for all our deceased relatives and friends will take place on Monday 2nd November at 7.30pm.

A **Baptism Preparation** meeting will take place on Tuesday 3rd November at 8pm in the sacristy for Baptism on Saturday 7th November.

The annual collection for **Catholic Youth Care** (the Diocesan Youth Service) will be held at all Masses next weekend (7th/8th November). It will replace the normal SHARE collection.

A thank you letter for the people of Ireland from **Sharon Commins** was received this week. Sharon expressed her great appreciation to all those who prayed for her and Hilda and their families during their time of captivity. We also pray at this time for the release of Fr. Michael Sinnott

### **Feastdays This Week**

*Sunday 1st* - All Saints, *Monday 2nd* - All Souls  
*Tuesday 3rd* - St. Malachy, bishop  
*Wednesday 4th* - St. Charles Borromeo, bishop

### ***The Deep End Back to the Future***

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the publication of Charles Darwin's book, the Origin of Species. Many scientists today accept that there is a huge body of evidence supporting the view that we have descended from an animal with chimpanzee-like capacities. If we have, then what we hear today's First Reading (Apoc 7:2-4,9,14) telling us is all the more amazing. For there we have attained near god-like capacities. Which is more difficult to believe: that a crude chimp is now a sophisticated human who composes sublime symphonies, produces fabulous works of art, explores cosmic vastness and penetrates atomic depths; or to believe that this human is destined for near divinity in a new ordering of creation? Science serves truth in dull and detailed prose. Scripture sets it in sweeping story and inspiring imagery that lifts us higher than science can ever do. Science examines and reports. Scripture reveals and inspires. Science fixes us firmly to matter; scripture frees us as spirit. Saints - all of them - are the poets among us. Not vice versa, though. They are, what the old pop song jingles out, "poetry in motion". As poetry opens pathways to understanding, refines human emotions and grants glimpses of transcendence we would not otherwise experience, so saints have done and continue to do through the generosity and sanctity of their lives. They show us what life can be like because of what it will be like. They bring the future to our doorstep.  
Whether we grant it entrance to our home is up to us.

**Fr. Tom Cahill SVD**

Sincere thanks to all parishioners who contributed to last weekend's **SHARE** collection which totalled €1810.

Gold chain and locket lost in the vicinity of St. Assam's Road West on Tuesday. If found please ring 086 3800219

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Vigil</b>	6.00pm Eoghan O'Suilleabhan (1st Anniv.)
	8.30am Pro Populo
	10.00am John & Maryann McNeice (Anniv.)
	11.30am Jack Quinn (Anniv.)
	5.00pm Alice Byrne (1st Anniv.) Hugh Byrne (Anniv.)
<b>Mon.</b>	7.30am Altar List of the Dead
	10.00am Altar List of the Dead
	7.30pm November Mass of Remembrance
<b>Tues.</b>	7.30am John Dominic O'Brien (Anniv.)
	10.00am James Dalton (Anniv.)
<b>Wed.</b>	7.30am Special Intention
	10.00am Deceased members of the Daly family
<b>Thurs.</b>	7.30am Margaret & Pat Moran (Rec. Dec'd)
	10.00am Deceased members of the Lalor family
<b>Fri.</b>	7.30am Altar List of the Dead
	10.00am Altar List of the Dead
	3.30pm- Holy Hour 4.30pm
<b>Sat.</b>	9.40am Morning Prayer of the Church
	10.00am Lily Sharry (Rec. Dec'd)

*Next Sunday's Readings* : 1 Kgs 17:10-16. Ps 145. Heb 9:24-28. Mk 12:38-44