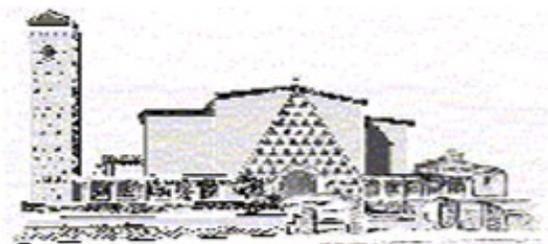


CHURCH OF OUR LADY MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE, Raheny

Sunday 26th February 2012 First Sunday of Lent Cycle B Week 1



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Please pray for the happy repose of the souls **Catherine Harris**, Maryville Road and **Tim O'Keefe**, Grange Park whose funerals took place this week. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Our Eucharistic Congress 2012

Pilgrims from around the world will be arriving in Ireland between 10th and 17th June and will need accommodation. If you can host a pilgrim please contact the Parish Office on 8313232 for further information.

Pilgrims will be coming from as far as Peru, Ecuador, the Philippines and Bangladesh. For pilgrims traveling from these distant places, travel costs are already quite significant. Many of them would be unable to come if they also had to cover the cost of their accommodation. Yet their presence here is an important expression of solidarity with us, coming as they do from countries which have a strong missionary connection with Ireland. All pilgrims will be over 18 years of age and will require a simple clean bedroom and breakfast each day. The host family must not include children under 18 or vulnerable adults. All pilgrims will have been referred by the national delegate of their home country.

The Deep End - Embrace the Wilderness, LIVE LENT

Today's Gospel sends us out into the wilderness. And it's good. The text says that it is the Spirit who drove Jesus (not literally!) out into the wilderness, therefore it is God who is in control here. It may be an uncomfortable situation 'with the wild beasts' but wilderness can be a great thing. We often have to remove ourselves from the hum drum of daily life so that we can breathe a little. It's a bit like a stock take. What's here? What's here that shouldn't be? What's missing?

Lent calls each of us to transform our lives and our relationships with the world around us. We won't automatically wake up on Easter morning transformed. It takes time, it takes practice. But we are KINGDOM PEOPLE, building, transforming and working in solidarity. With so much to do, we must take example from the first Sunday Gospel of this transforming season and allow ourselves to be led, like Jesus, 'into the wilderness'.

**LOVE LIFE; LIVE LENT;
TRANSFORM YOUR WORLD.**

Jane Mellett

A **Baptism Preparation** meeting will take place in the sacristy at 8pm on Tuesday 28th February for baptisms on Saturday 3rd March.

There will be **no Holy Hour** this Friday 2nd March. A World Day of Prayer service will take place at 3pm in All Saints Church on Friday 2nd March.

Sincere thanks to all parishioners who contributed to last weekend's church collections.

MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00pm Rose & Joe Monaghan (Anniv.)
Sun	8.30am Pro Populo
	10.00am Bill & Marjorie Jordan (Anniv.)
	11.30am Joseph Kearns (2nd Anniv.)
Mon.	7.30am
	10.00am Dr. T.G. & Marie O'Donnell (Anniv.)
Tues.	7.30am Paddy Supple (Rec. Dec'd)
	10.00am Tom & Margaret Hayes (Anniv.)
Wed.	7.30am Deirdre Rorke (Anniv.)
	10.00am Michael & Margaret Hogan (Anniv.)
Thurs.	7.30am Aiden Robinson (R.I.P.)
	10.00am Siobhan Treacy (Anniv.)
Fri.	7.30am Altar List of the Dead
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Sat.	9.40am Morning Prayer of the Church
	10.00am David Cagney (Anniv.)

Next Sunday's Readings : Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18. Ps 115:10, 15-19, R/Ps 114:9. Rom 8:31-34. Mk 9:2-10

A five week course on the Acts of the Apostles takes place on Thursdays in Lent from 7.30pm - 9pm in Killester Resource centre. Please bring a bible.

This weekend's Church Gate Collection is in aid of **Friedrich's Ataxia Society**.