

CHURCH OF OUR LADY MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE, Raheny

Sunday 16th December 2012 Third Sunday of Advent Cycle C Week 3

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MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00pm	Liam Memery (Anniv.)
Sun	8.30am	Marcella Baldwin (1st Anniv.)
	10.00am	Pro Populo
	11.30am	Maria O'Keeffe
Mon.	7.30am	Deceased members of the Crosbie and Robinson families
	10.00am	Special Intention
Tues.	7.30am	Madeline Behan R.I.P.
	10.00am	James Keane (Rec. Dec'd)
Wed.	7.30am	Dick Doyle (Rec. Dec'd)
	10.00am	Patrick Kennedy (Anniv.)
Thurs.	7.30am	Finbarr McCarthy (Rec. Dec'd)
	10.00am	Tommy Cooney and deceased family members (Anniv.)
Fri.	7.30am	Annie Whelan (Anniv.)
	10.00am	Thomas & Mary Connolly (Anniv.)
Sat.	9.40am	Morning Prayer of the Church
	10.00am	Jack & Michael Mathews (Anniv.)

Next Sunday's Readings : Mic 5:1-4, Ps 79:2-3 15-16, 18-19. Heb 10:5-10. Lk 1:39-44

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society meeting Monday 17th December at 2.30pm, usual venue, all welcome.

Many thanks to all parishioners for your generous contributions to the collections at Sunday Mass.

The Deep End - Happy and Tolerant

Today's readings supply us with a blueprint for the Christian life.

First we have Paul telling us to be happy in the Lord and to let our tolerance be evident to everyone. He goes on to tell us not to worry, but to ask God with thanksgiving for anything we need, and assures us that if we do, the peace of God will guard our hearts and our thoughts.

To be happy, tolerant, thankful, peaceful, and not to worry - are these attributes that people would see in you? Are happiness and tolerance generally thought of as the hallmarks of a Christian life?

When boxer Katie Taylor won an Olympic gold medal for Ireland in August, there was great interest in the role her Christian faith plays in her life and her career. While of course being widely admired as tough and inspirational, there is also a peacefulness and humility to her manner. She is always thankful to God, comes across as secure and happy in her faith, and maintains a great openness to people - a fitting model of the Christian life spoken of by St. Paul.

Today's Gospel goes even further to offer some practical advice from John as he preaches the Good News in preparation for Jesus' appearance; we must share what we have with the person who has none, and we must be honest in our dealings with others. That is quite a lot to mull over in two short readings.

Triona Doherty

Penitential Services with Confession

Tuesday 18th December at 7.30pm - Parish Church
Friday 21st December at 7.30pm - Capuchin Friary



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Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of all who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.

The local conference of **St. Vincent de Paul** would like to thank everyone who contributed to our Christmas appeal and to the toy collection. The amount collected was €21,262. We would like to wish everyone a happy Christmas.

Parish Carol Service, Church of St. John The Evangelist, Kilbarrack/Foxfield will take place on **Sunday 16th December at 5.30pm**. This will give all parishioners and friends an opportunity to 'raise the roof' singing all the well-known carols. The occasion will be 'time-out' from domestic preparations and bring us all into the real spirit of Christmas. Refreshments will follow and everyone is welcome.