

CHURCH OF OUR LADY MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE, Raheny

Sunday 6th January 2013 The Epiphany of the Lord Cycle C Week

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MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00pm	Frank Cooke (Month's Mind) John Dalton (Month's Mind)
Sun	8.30am	Pro Populo
	10.00am	Lily Gallagher (Anniv.)
	11.30am	Kay Mullen (Anniv.)
Mon.	10.00am	Marie-Louise Brennan (Rec. Dec'd)
Tues.	10.00am	Deceased members of the Stokes family
Wed.	10.00am	Michael McCabe (R.I.P.)
Thurs.	10.00am	Noeleen Kelly (Rec. Dec'd)
Fri.	10.00am	Annie Whelan (Anniv.)
Sat.	9.40am	Morning Prayer of the Church
	10.00am	John Font (Rec. Dec'd)

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.

Next Sunday's Readings : Is 40:1-5, 9-11. Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30. Ti 2:11-14 3:-7. Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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

KARE Social Services Meals on Wheels wish to express their gratitude to all parishioners who gave to their collection after masses on 15th/16th December. A total of €1,706 was raised which will help KARE to continue to deliver meals to the elderly in our locality.



Feastdays This Week

Sunday 6th January - The Epiphany of the Lord

The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, son of God and Saviour of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation.

On Saturday 19th January there will be a “**Unite for Life**” pro-life Vigil held in Dublin at 4.30pm in Merion Square. Please make every effort to be there and encourage family, friends and neighbours to do likewise. The vigil will have a positive, clear message about safeguarding the lives of mothers and babies in pregnancy. Posters will be provided on the day. Please do your part to spread the word. For further information, please telephone Denise on (087) 266 8702.

*The Deep End
Finding God in unexpected places*

A new born baby usually tends to attract visitors and gifts. The Magi are described as wise men from the East. They may have been astronomers or philosophers but most definitely they were people who had their eyes, ears and minds open to the events going on around them, to the signs of their times. We see in today's Gospel how God is working through people that we least expect. The wise men were not 'religious', they would not have been considered 'the people of God'. Yet, God is working through them in lots of different ways. They may not have been considered 'righteous' in their time, but they are certainly people who have come to bow down and worship God. This story has a clear message: that Jesus has come for all people, not just a select few.

Today, perhaps we can think about times when we found Christ in unexpected places. How did we react? What star, what guidance had brought us there? What gifts did we leave there? What gifts were we given there?

'Whenever the Christ in one of us meets the Christ in another, there will be an exchange of gifts. Let this thought protect us from the patronising attitude that we must "convert" the other to our own way of living the Christ -life'

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