

CHURCH OF OUR LADY MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE, Raheny

Sunday 17th February 2013 First Sunday in Lent Cycle C Week 1

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MASS INTENTIONS



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.

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

Feastdays This Week

Friday 22nd - The Chair of St. Peter. This ancient feast relates to early Roman custom at this time of year of remembering the ancestors of the family, those who presided over the family fortunes. The texts today celebrate Peter as Bishop of Rome. We recall Christ's choice of Peter for service to the whole Church.

Coffee Morning

A coffee morning will be held on **Friday 22nd February from 9am to 1pm in the Cara Hall, Raheny, in aid of Children of Chernobyl Foundation Ireland (CCFI).** Funds raised will go towards improving the lives of the children affected in the areas surrounding Chernobyl in Belarus. Home baked goods plus a fabulous bumper raffle on the day. All welcome to drop in for a coffee and a chat.

The Deep End • Lead us not...

'To cease smoking is the easiest thing I ever did. I ought to know because I've done it a thousand time' - Mark Twain.

Temptation - songs are written about it, novels and film plots are centred around it, 'tell all' tabloid stories delight in it, advertising depends on it and the gambling industry thrives on it. Temptation is everywhere; while we might be able to stay away from certain triggers, we can't avoid it altogether. It's how we respond to temptation that matters.

Before any of us were tempted, Jesus went through it first. While we may never have had the privilege of being offered all the kingdoms of the world, the thrust of the temptations undergone by Jesus is familiar. Give up your convictions for a quick fix or easy pleasure. Cast aside your deeply held beliefs in return for wealth, power and prestige. Be reckless in order to prove your worth. Take the easy way out.

But the devil is no match for Jesus, who is armed with steely resolve and a sense of greater purpose. Every time we pray the Our Father, we say the words 'Lead us not into temptation'. Lent is the perfect time to reflect on the temptations that plague us most. Perhaps we can also pray the Our Father with renewed meaning this Lent.

Triona Doherty.

Ministers of the Eucharist are asked to collect their new rosters from the sacristy. Thank you.

This weekend's **Church Gate Collection** is in aid of St. Vincent de Paul.

Vigil	6.00pm Maureen Walsh (Anniv.)
Sun	8.30am Pro Populo
	10.00am Des Melly (Anniv.)
	11.30am John Herbert (Anniv.)
Mon.	10.00am Fr. Bernard Keane (Anniv.)
Tues.	10.00am Seamus Lynch (Anniv.)
Wed.	10.00am Teresa & Olivia McEntee (Anniv.)
Thurs.	10.00am Jeremiah O'Riordan (Rec. Dec'd)
Fri.	10.00am Kay Creedon (Rec. Dec'd)
Sat.	9.40am Morning Prayer of the Church
	10.00am Austin Sullivan (Anniv.)

Next Sunday's Readings : Gn 15:5-12, 17-18. Ps 26: 7-9, 13-14. Phil 3:17-4:1

Raheny Church Works Programme 2013

AREA 1	Baptistry	18th February (Mon) - 22nd March (Mon)
AREA 2	Candleroom/Conference Room	13th March (Wed) - 15th April (Mon)
RAMPS		9th April (Tues) - 29th April (Mon)
SACRISTY/OFFICE		15th April (Mon) - 17th May (Fri)
MAIN CHURCH		3rd June (Mon) - 8th August (Tues)