

CHURCH OF OUR LADY MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE, Raheny

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THE DEEP END • LIFE ALWAYS PREVAILS

It is Mary Magdalene who discovers the empty tomb while it 'was still dark'. The stone of the tomb is a symbol of all that is dark in this world and all those things which keep us from being free. An empty tomb is a powerful symbol, so impossible to explain that it really is a matter of faith. You can accept it or struggle with it or dismiss it entirely. Until you experience resurrection, none of it makes any sense. We can relate to the moments of resurrection in our own lives today remembering a time when we thought our world had ended because of a broken relationship or a tragedy. When we come through such experiences we can begin to understand something of resurrection. There is new life after the hardship has passed, even though we couldn't see it at the time. Just as Jesus spent his earthly ministry breaking down barriers between people he has shown us that there is always hope in the darkest of situations. Nothing is impossible.

'There are wars and rumours of war, poverty and plague, hunger and pain. Still, the sap is rising, again there is the resurrection of spring, and God's continuing promise to us that He is with us always, with His comfort and joy, if we will only ask.'

Dorothy Day

Jane Mellett

Invitation to Celebrate the Year of Faith

The Eucharistic Adoration Association invites you to Knock, on Saturday, 20th April 2013 to a day of: Talks, Workshops, Prayer, Adoration Rosary, Blessing of the Sick, Eucharistic Procession, Children's & Young People's Activities, Children's Adoration Workshop, and Mass celebrated by Archbishop Charles Brown, Apostolic Nuncio. For more information and travel details, please phone: Mark @ 831 3319.

QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK

Q. What is the meaning of Alleluia?

A. Alleluia is a great shout of joy to God. During the penitential season of Lent it is dropped from the Church's prayer but returns to dominate Easter's prayers. Let us break up the word to analyse its meaning. The centre of the word is EL, the Hebrew word for God. Before and after EL we have a great release of energy with AL saluting God and a mighty shout of UIA (YA) to proclaim our joy at the resurrection of the Lord. It was when I heard what the commentator called the Clare shout in Croke Park that I discovered the primal joy of alleluia. Let it rip this Easter! The Lord is risen, Alleluia!

Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap

MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00pm No Vigil Mass
Sun	8.30am Pro Populo
	10.00am Kathleen Finnegan
	11.30am Tony, Lily and Marion Gibson (Anniv.)
Mon.	10.00am John and Bridget Byrne (Anniv.) Sarah and Catherine McNamee (Anniv.)
Tues.	10.00am Kate Cronin (Anniv.) Jim, Jack & Sarah Devlin (Anniv.)
Wed.	10.00am Edward and Bridget Walker (Anniv.)
Thurs.	10.00am Doreen and Conor Power (Anniv.)
Fri.	10.00am Altar List of the Dead
Sat.	9.40am Morning Prayer of the Church
	10.00am Get Well Intention

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 : Acts 5:12-16. Ps 117:2-4, 22-27. Apoc 1:9-13, 17-19. Jn 20:19-31

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

HAPPY EASTER