

**RAHENY MISSIONARY PROJECT**

The Raheny Missionary Project will be resuming its series of Coffee Mornings in the Cedar Lounge on Wednesday next, 16th Jan 2013. We look forward to seeing all our friends there. Thereafter our Coffee Mornings will continue on the first and third Monday of the month. Happy New Year to all.

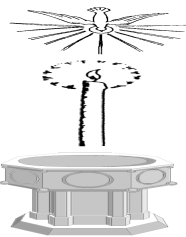
A Liturgy Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, 15th January at 7pm in the side chapel.

### UNITE FOR LIFE PRO-LIFE VIGIL

Next Saturday, 19th January 2013, at 4.30pm in Merrion Square, Dublin will be a great opportunity to send a strong message to the Government that we, the people of Ireland, do NOT want abortion legalised in our country - not now, not ever.

Now is the time for each of us to make our voices heard in defence of life; in defence of the most vulnerable of all - the unborn. Please make every effort to attend - it is critical to send a strong united message.

### NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING



- in the Sacristy, at 8pm, Tuesday, 22nd January, for Baptism on Saturday, 26th January.



## CHURCH OF OUR LADY, MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE

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Pope Benedict XVI said on Sunday that the Magi's visit to the Christ Child commemorated at the Feast of the Epiphany shows that Jesus Christ is "the light of the world that guides the path of all peoples." "The faith of Mary becomes the first fruits and the model of the faith of the Church, the People of the New Covenant," the Pope told the faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square on the 6th of January. "But this people, from the beginning, is universal; and we see this today in the figure of the Magi, who come to Bethlehem following the light of a star and the indications of the Sacred Scriptures." He said that Christmas shows the faith of the Virgin Mary, of Joseph and of the shepherds, while the Epiphany shows "the faith of the Magi" who came from the East to adore the King of the Jews.

Pope Benedict explained that the Virgin Mary represents the "branch" of Israel and the remnant "foretold by the prophets, from which the Messiah will spring forth." In contrast, the Magi represent the people, "the civilisations, the cultures, the religions" that are "on the path to God, in search of His reign of peace, of justice, of truth, and of liberty." Mary embodies the "nucleus of Israel," the people who "know and have faith in that God who was revealed to the Patriarchs." Her faith is like that of Abraham, because it is "the new beginning of the same promise" - fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

The Pope added: "the light of Christ is so clear and strong that it makes the language of the cosmos and of the Scriptures intelligible, so that all those who, like the Magi, are open to the truth can recognise it and join in contemplating the Saviour of the world."

Please remember to pray for: Frank Quinn, Avondale Park - recently deceased.

Please remember to pray for **Christian Unity** during the special week of prayer: 18-25 January 2013.

### READINGS - next Sunday

Is. 62:1-5;  
Ps. 95;  
1 Cor. 12:4-11;  
Jn. 2:1-11



### MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00 pm	John O'Brien (1st Anniv.) Pauline Connaughton (1st Anniv.)
Sun.	8.30 am	Kathleen Finnegan (Anniv.)
	10.00 am	Aubrey O'Brien (Anniv.)
	11.30 am	Joan Kerrigan (Rec. Dec.)
Mon.	10.00am	(Dr.) Vincent Keane R.I.P.
Tues.	10.00am	Deceased members of the Rowsome family
Wed	10.00am	Patrick McNamara (Rec. Dec.)
Thur	10.00am	Nora Abraham (Anniv.)
Fri.	10.00am	Maureen Cowzer (Rec. Dec.)
Sat.	9.40am	Morning Prayer of the Church
	10.00am	Hugh & Bridget Keller (Anniv.)

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** resumes its normal weekly timetable this week.

Committing to spending time quietly, on a regular basis would be a great way to start of this new calendar year.

Having Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday is a wonderful blessing for our parish. The Lord is waiting to shower each of us with even more blessings - all we need to do is spend time with him. Please visit Him regularly - He is waiting.

### GETTING MARRIED SOON?

"Week-End Away" in preparation for marriage. Get away from it all - Have a Pre-Marriage course with a difference, with the focus on your relationship. Contact: Esker, Athenry, at (091) 844549 for more details, or log on to [www.redemptoristsesker.ie](http://www.redemptoristsesker.ie) or search for "Esker Couples" on Facebook.