

**Eucharistic Ministers:** please collect your new rota from the Sacristy . Thank you.



## CHURCH OF OUR LADY, MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE

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**Alzheimer's Tea Party Fundraising**  
Raheny House Nursing Home is hosting an Alzheimer's Tea Party on 9th May, 2013, from 2.30pm to 3.45pm at 476, Howth Road. Tea/Coffee and cake will be served while enjoying light entertainment. Cakes and buns will be on sale and donations of cakes and buns would be appreciated. Please come and join the fun and support this worthy cause. Donations for entrance and tea / coffee: €5.

A special blessing for **expectant mothers** will take place on Wednesday, 8th May at 8pm in Our Lady of Mercy Church, Brookwood Grove, Artane.

### THE DEEP END • STEP BY STEP

I had the pleasure of speaking to some members of various religious congregations recently about the work they carry out and how their mission has evolved over the past fifty or so years. While many are no longer involved in traditional teaching and nursing roles, they are making their mark in other areas as chaplains, social workers, counsellors, retreat workers and lecturers, working with prisoners, asylum seekers, those with addiction problems and others. They are deliberately diversifying to meet the needs of their communities.

From the writings of Catherine McAuley, founder of the Sisters of Mercy, we read: 'Let us take one day only in the hands at a time, merely making a resolve for tomorrow. Thus we may hope to go on, taking short, careful steps, not great strides... Each day is a step we take towards Eternity... The final step will bring us into the presence of God.'

These words came to mind when reading today's First Reading, which describes the travels of Paul and Barnabas to encourage the early Church members in their faith. They 'put fresh heart into the disciples' – a lovely expression. Step by step they were building up the church.

Those religious I spoke with are doing the same, many in a quiet, humble way. They are optimistic about the future and are looking for new ways to interpret the goals and teachings of their founders, and to communicate and live out the Gospel message of love.

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We welcome: Allison Grace McMahon; Marcos Vinicius Ferriera & Emily Ann Fagan - all of whom were recently baptised into our parish Community.

### READINGS - Next Sunday

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Ps. 66;

Apoc. 21:10-14; 22-23

Jn. 17:20-26



Vigil	6.00 pm	Eithne & Thomas Healy (Anniv.)
Sun.	8.30 am	Pro Populo
	10.00 am	Josephine & Michael Dowling (Anniv)
	11.30 am	Jeremiah & Margaret O'Leary (Anniv)
Mon.	10.00am	Ronnie Burke (Anniv.)
Tues.	10.00am	Michael Hoey & Susan McKenna (Anniv.)
Wed	10.00am	Patrick & Margaret Flanagan (Anniv)
Thur	11.00am	CONFIRMATION CEREMONY
Fri.	10.00am	Altar List of the Dead
Sat.	9.40am	Morning Prayer of the Church
	10.00am	Thomas Bray (Anniv.)

Please remember in your prayers the boys and girls from the parish schools who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 2nd May (note: no 10am Mass )

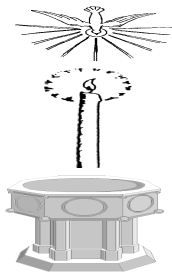
### REFLECTION/PRAYER DAYS

a) Wed May 15, 10am-4.30pm, Stella Maris Retreat Centre, Howth. Cost €45 incl. lunch. Contact Sally 087 6226620.

b) Sat. 25th May, 10am-4pm, Emmaus Retreat Centre, Swords. Cost:€35 incl. lunch. Contact 01-8700050

### 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.



### NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING

- in the Sacristy, at 8pm, on Tuesday, 30th April, for Baptisms on Saturday, 4th May 2013.

Church Gate Collection at all Masses, this Sunday, in aid of: St. Vincent De Paul