

Sunday 6th September 2015

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cycle B Week 3

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Camino Trek in aid of St. Francis Hospice

Our Parish Priest, Fr. Mick Cullen, and his companions have successfully completed their Camino Trek. To date, over €7,000 has been raised for in-patient unit beds in our local hospice. Sincere thanks to all parishioners who have so generously sponsored Fr. Mick.

The **Raheny Missionary Project** would like to thank all those who contributed so generously to its recent churchgate collection. The amount raised was €3,122.80.

The **New Irish Association for Spina Bifida** is very grateful to parishioners for contributing €523.70 to its recent churchgate collection. This money will be used to treat some of its older members to a social evening.

Since the **Raheny Pioneer Centre** was established some 40 years ago, innumerable enquiries have been dealt with, from young & not so young, from within & outside the parish. They wanted to learn more about the Association, its motives, obligations, types of membership etc. A member of the Council is available between **11:30a.m. & 12:30p.m.** on the **1st Sunday of every month** (except August) in the Conference Room at the side of the Church to deal, in total confidence, with all such enquiries. Do drop in on Sunday morning if you have a query....the Pioneer Council member would be delighted to meet you.

The Council would like to convey its sincere sympathy to the Meyler family on the recent death of Madeleine. Madeleine was a Golden Jubilarian Pioneer and indeed served as Secretary to the centre here for many years, right up until her illness. May she rest in peace.



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THE DEEP END: EPHPHATHA

Between 1 September and 4 October (the feast of St Francis of Assisi) Christian churches celebrate the season of 'Creation Time'. It is an opportunity for us to reflect on the gift of our world and to look at our relationship with the planet. There is no better time for us as individuals and as parish communities to consider our responsibilities to act on climate change, especially in light of Pope Francis' recent encyclical *Laudato Si*:

I wish to address every person living on this planet... I urgently appeal for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all'.

In the Gospel today, as Jesus opens the ears of a deaf man, he says 'Ephphatha – Be Opened'. May our ears be opened to the cries of the earth and to the poor who suffer the most because of climate injustice.

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The **Churchgate Collection**, after all Masses this weekend is in aid of the **Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind**.

Next weekend (12th & 13th September), it will be in aid of the local conference of **St. Vincent DePaul**.

Mass Intentions for this week

Sat:	6.00p.m.	Tommy Daly (Month's Mind)
Sun:	8.30a.m.	Pro Populo
	10.00a.m.	Susan & Thomas Comerford (Anniv.)
	11.30a.m.	Patrick Nolan (Month's Mind) Paddy Atkins (Month's Mind) Frank Magann (Anniv.)
Mon:	10.00a.m.	Requiem Mass for John Lennon
Tues:	10.00a.m.	Elenor Ryan (Anniv.)
Wed:	10.00a.m.	Niall Smyth (Anniv.)
Thurs:	10.00a.m.	Kathleen Greene (Rec. Dec'd)
Fri:	10.00a.m.	Nancy Feeney (Rec. Dec'd)
Sat:	10.00a.m.	Jean & Aiden Robinson (Anniv.)

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Frank Gyax** whose funeral took place this week. We also remember **John Lennon**, late of Kilbarrack Avenue whose funeral will take place on Monday. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Next meeting of the **Parish Pastoral Council** will take place on Wednesday next, 9th September at 7:30p.m. in the Church.

Next Sunday's Readings (24th Sunday in Ordinary Time): *Is 50:5-9. Ps 114:1-6, 8-9, R/v9. Jas 2:14-18. Mk 8:27-35.*

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