

NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING
 - will be at 8pm, on Tuesday, 2nd Feb. 2016, for the celebration of Baptism on Sunday, 7th February.



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MASS INTENTIONS

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| Vigil | 6.00 pm | KATTIE KERR Lt Anois MAUREEN WALSH; LEWIS+RITA PAUL (A) |
| Sun. | 8.30 am | PRO POPULO |
| | 10.00 am | JAMES ELLIOTT + MARGARET MCARDLE (A) |
| | 11.30 am | JAMES O'CONNOR (A) |
| Mon. | 10.00am | DIONISY + NANCY O'CONNOR (A) DOREEN + LUCCY POWER (A) |
| Tues. | 10.00am | AUSTIN LOOTH |
| Weds. | 10.00am | TOM + CECILIA McDERMOTT |
| Thurs. | 10.00am | MARY + MARGIE POWER (A) |
| Fri. | 10.00am | ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD. |
| Sat. | | No Saturday morning Mass |

THE DEEP END • FACING THE TRUTH

In today's Gospel Jesus invites the people of his home town to come to the truth about themselves and to stop hiding. This could have been a real moment of grace for them, if they were open to it, but it is often hard to hear. This passage, read in conjunction with last Sunday's, is the entire Gospel in miniature. The references to Elijah and Elisha may confuse us; they are reminders that the prophets of the past did not focus only on their own people. Elijah for example, did not provide miraculous food for the Israelites but for a pagan widow and her son in a foreign town. This talk of divine favours to foreigners is the last straw for the Nazarene community. The final verses foreshadow the fate of Jesus, but the time is not yet. It seems that Jesus has committed the ultimate political blunder of finding fault with his own people. The message is one of a call to a radical reversal of perspective; something with which the Gospel of St. Luke is very concerned. Jesus will proclaim a new kind of freedom and his openness of heart is too much for those who hear him. Where do we see this in our communities today?

'Although they heard you Lord, they failed to listen. They heard only what they wanted to hear. The truth hurt them, you made them feel uncomfortable, and they rejected you... Show us how we may seek your Kingdom and help to bring peace to a troubled world'. (Christian Aid – Tony Singleton)

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RAHENY MISSIONARY PROJECT - Coffee
 Morning will be held at 10.30am in the Cedar Lounge, on Wed. 3rd Feb. All welcome.

As part the Jubilee of Mercy, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin would like to invite two members of our Parish community to attend an evening of reflection on the theme of Mercy. At the end of the evening they will be commissioned as "Ambassadors of Mercy" and can share all they have received with other parishioners. The event will take place on Ash Wednesday. If interested please contact the parish office.

Dear Parishioners,
 Our Krakow representatives will be canvassing for support for their 'Ash Wednesday Fast' following all masses over the next two weekends. Your sponsorship will be very welcome. Also on Sunday 7th February a 'bring and buy' cake sale will take place following the 10am and 11.30am masses.
 Thanks, Veronica Sweeney (Pastoral Coun-

READINGS Next Sunday
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Is. 6:1-8
 Ps. 137
 1 Cor. 15:1-11
 Lk 5:1-11



A Day Retreat, in preparation for Lent will take place on Ash Wednesday, Feb., 10th from 10am-4.30pm in the Stella Maris Retreat Centre. Includes prayer, input, Eucharist, 3-course meal. Cost €50. Contact Sally: 087 6226620

Next Sunday, 7th Feb., is World Day for the Sick. Anointing of the sick will take place after 11.30am Mass.

Feast of St. Blaise, 3rd Feb. - blessing of throats takes place after the 10am Mass.

There is a **HOLY HOUR** on Friday 5th Feb., from 3.30-4.30pm. All are welcome to spend one hour of Adoration on the 1st Friday of each month.

LENTEN TALKS on God's Mercy, in Parish Centre, Kilbarrack / Foxfield on Tuesdays, 16th Feb. to 8th Mar., at 8pm, given by Frances Hogan. Suggested weekly donation €5.