

**Sunday 20th March 2016**

**Palm Sunday**

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The Parish Communal Celebration of the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will take place on **Tuesday next, 22nd March at 7:30p.m.** All are welcome. Confession will also be available on Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday from 10.30a.m.-11:30a.m. each day.

Next Friday, 25th March, is **Good Friday**, and is a day of **Fast and Abstinence**.

We welcome **Rogan McKeown, Kerrie Brady & Robyn Bossers** who were baptised recently, into our Christian community. We also remember their parents and godparents at this special time.

The **Raheny Church Choir** is looking for male and female members. The choir sings at the 11.30a.m. Mass each Sunday and practises every Monday evening at 7.30p.m. For further info, contact David on 087 6314242.

**St. Francis Hospice Raheny** has a number of vacancies for volunteers with specific skills: a Chiropodist, a Hairdresser, a Complementary Therapist and an Artist. For further info, see [www.sfh.ie/current-volunteer-vacancies](http://www.sfh.ie/current-volunteer-vacancies) or phone Brenda on 01 8327535.

All services from our Parish Church are streamed live on our website [www.rahenyparish.ie](http://www.rahenyparish.ie)...just click on the *Watch Us Live* tab. The Parish Newsletter is also published weekly on the parish website....click on the *Parish Bulletin* tab.

The **Churchgate Collection** after all Masses this weekend is in aid of **The Sunshine Fund of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul**. Each year, the Sunshine Fund provides much-needed seaside holidays for approx 1,000 of Dublin's less fortunate children in Sunshine House, Balbriggan. Thank you for your support.



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**THE DEEP END: Playing our Part**

Today's liturgy calls for our participation. First, we are caught up in the drama of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. We are comfortable enough with this – holding up our palm branches and imagining ourselves celebrating and supporting Jesus as he arrives into town riding on a colt.

But our participation takes on a darker tone during the reading of the Passion, and we soon find ourselves joining in with those who question and accuse Jesus. Before long we are shouting 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' and taunting Jesus on the cross to 'save himself if he is the Christ of God'. It is enough to make even the most complacent among us uncomfortable.

Palm Sunday and Good Friday are the only two occasions when the congregation is invited to take part in the reading of the Gospel. What strikes you as you play your part today?

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**Mass Intentions for this week**

**Sat: 6.00p.m.** Philomena Brennan (1st Anniv.)  
Catherine Ryan (Rec. Dec'd)

**Sun: 8.30a.m.** Carol Roche (Rec. Dec'd)

**10.00a.m.** Deceased members of the Kelly & Farrell families

**11.30a.m.** Thomas J. Breen (Anniv.)

**Mon: 10.00a.m.** Peggie & Mick Raggett (R.I.P.)

**Tues: 10.00a.m.** Doreen & Conor Power (Anniv.)

**Wed: 10.00a.m.** Thomas Byrne (Rec. Dec'd)  
Michael Hayden (Rec. Dec'd)

**Holy Thursday:**

**10.00a.m.** Morning Prayer of the Church

**7.30p.m.** Mass of the Lord's Supper

**9.30p.m.** Watch & Pray

**Good Friday:**

**10.00a.m.** Morning Prayer of the Church

**12.00p.m.** Stations of the Cross for children

**3.00p.m.** Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**7.30p.m.** Meditation on Stations of the Cross

**Holy Saturday:**

**10.00a.m.** Morning Prayer of the Church

**9.00p.m.** EASTER VIGIL

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of parishioners **Alice Shannon, Charlie Nowlan** and **James Baldwin** whose funerals took place in our parish church this week. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

**Next Sunday's Readings (Easter Sunday):** Acts 10:34, 37-43. Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23, R/ v24. Col 3:1-4. Jn 20:1-9