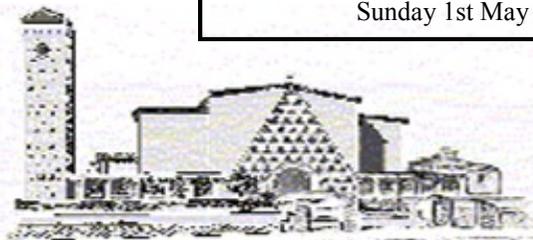


CHURCH OF OUR LADY MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE, Raheny

Sunday 1st May 2016 Sixth Sunday of Easter Cycle C Week 2



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Jesus a Friend to Women

Jesus sees women in a different light. He notices them. To illustrate God's love for those who are lost, he told the parable of a woman who lost a coin in her home, she swept the house clean until she found it. Again the parable of the poor woman who put all she possessed, two small coins, into the poor box, teaching his listeners that the poor can give more than the rich, who frequently give from the abundance. There is the example of the woman who suffered from a haemorrhage, and who touched his cloak; the woman whose daughter was ill, and who because of faith her daughter was cured. These and many others illustrate Jesus' understanding of women.

It is clear that Jesus criticised and challenged the customs and traditions of his day that oppressed women. In his teaching men lose their power and women gain their dignity. The women who followed Jesus had also a very important presence in the last days of his life. On Calvary, the men, all but one, had fled, the women remained faithful.

On the First Easter Sunday it was to a woman, Mary of Magdala that he first appeared to and gave the message of his resurrection. A message that has ever since given hope to every generation of women and men.

Fr. Colm Gallagher

There will be a **CAKE SALE** today Sunday 1st May after 10am and 11.30am masses as a fundraiser for our WYD representatives going to Krakow.

B.E. - Beginning Experience, a support group for those coping with the pain of loss of their life partner through death, separation or divorce, is holding a residential weekend on 20th - 22nd May in All Hallows, Drumcondra. Further information from www.beginningexperience.ie / bedublin@gmail.com / 086 0877379

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after 10am mass on Friday

Congratulations to the girls from Scoil Áine and the boys from Scoil Assaim who received the sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 28th April. May their lives be enriched with the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.

"Jesus conquered evil at the root: He is the Door of Salvation, open wide so that each person may find mercy."

*Pope Francis via Twitter
29th April 2016*

MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00pm	Ronnie Burke (Anniv.)
Sun	8.30am	Sheila Moynihan (Rec. Dec'd)
	10.00am	Patrick & Anne Finnan (Anniv.)
	11.30am	Jack O'Neill (Anniv.) Eddie Duffy (Anniv.)
Mon.	11.00am	Aoife Ronan (Anniv.)
Tues.	10.00am	Rev. Michael Connolly (Rec. Dec'd)
Wed.	10.00am	Sarah & Catherine McNamee (Anniv.) Kate Cronin & Jim Devlin (Anniv.)
Thurs.	10.00am	Mary Carty (10th Anniv.)
Fri.	10.00am	Altar List of the Dead

Please note Mass will be at 11am on Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May.

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Next Sunday's Readings : The Ascension of The Lord Acts 1:1-11, Ps 46:2-3, 6-9, R/ v6. Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28, 10:19-23. Lk 24:46-53

Many thanks for your generous contributions to last week-end's collections.

Monday 2nd May - Feastday of St. Athanasius, bishop and doctor of the Church.