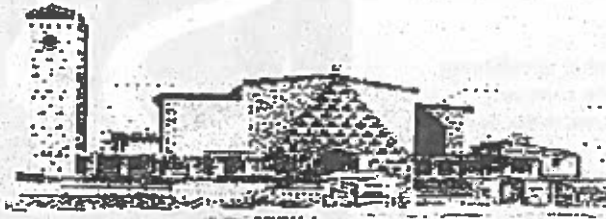


**NEXT BAPTISM  
PREPARATION MEETING**

- will be at 8pm, on Tuesday, 17th  
May 2016, for the celebration of  
Baptism on Sunday, 22nd May.



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**MASS INTENTIONS**

Vigil	6.00 pm	Charlie Jackson (Anniv.) Billie & Marie Baker (Anniv.)
Sun.	8.30 am	Anne & James McGlue (Anniv.) and deceased family members
	10.00 am	Patrick Kennedy (Anniv.)
	11.30 am	John McKenna (Anniv.)
Mon.	10.00am	Michael Kennedy (Anniv.)
Tues.	10.00am	Adrian Ostinelli (Anniv.)
Weds.	10.00am	Health Intention
Thurs.	10.00am	Michael Matthews (B'day Remem.)
Fri.	10.00am	Daniel Hand (Rec. Dec'd.)

**THE DEEP END • Catching Fire**

Unless the eye catch fire, The God will not be seen.  
Unless the ear catch fire, The God will not be heard.  
Unless the tongue catch fire, The God will not be named.  
Unless the heart catch fire, The God will not be loved.  
Unless the mind catch fire, The God will not be known.

from *Pentecost* by William Blake

The arrival of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost was by no means a quiet or gentle event. First there was a powerful wind from heaven – so loud it filled not just the room the apostles were in, but the whole house. Tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, and they suddenly began to speak in foreign languages as they were 'filled with the Holy Spirit'. It must have been a chaotic, intense scene.

The poem *Pentecost* by 19th century poet William Blake captures some of the power of the scene, with its repetition of the phrase 'catch fire'. When a piece of news gets around quickly, we say it 'spreads like wildfire'. By its very nature, fire jumps from one thing to another, burning more intensely the more it spreads.

The symbol of tongues of fire is apt, then. The arrival of the Holy Spirit propels the apostles from the room where they were huddled out into the street. They simply cannot contain themselves as they begin to preach and to spread the Good News far and wide – like wildfire.

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Looking for a gift for a First Holy Communicant? Why not check out *Dear Pope Francis*. This book, written by Pope Francis, has answers to questions sent to him by children from around the world, with each letter reproduced and accompanied by a drawing. Priced at €14.99, the book is available from Veritas, Messenger Publications and Easons.

**Church Gate Collection this Sunday: CROSSCARE Youth Services**

Please pray for the girls from 2nd Class in Scoil Aine who will receive the **Sacrament of the Eucharist**, for the first time, next Saturday, 21st May - we pray that they will receive many, many blessings from regular reception of the Sacrament.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after 10am Mass each Friday.

**Rest of this week in Church calendar:**

Mon.: Ordinary Time - Week 7;  
St. Brendan, abbot  
Weds.: St. John 1, pope & martyr  
St. Carthage, bishop  
Fri.: St. Bernardine of Siena, priest  
Sat.: Ss. Christopher Magallanes, priest,

**READINGS Next Sunday**

**The HOLY TRINITY**

Prov. 8: 22-31

Ps. 8

Rm. 5: 1-5



**RAHENY CHURCH CHOIR**

- is looking for more members. Singing at 11.30am Mass each Sunday, with practices on Monday nights at 7.30pm. If you would like to join, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact David on 087 6314242.