

**NEXT BAPTISM
PREPARATION MEETING**
- will be at 8pm, on Tuesday, 11th
Oct. 2016, for the celebration of
Baptism on Sunday, 16th Oct.



CHURCH OF OUR LADY
MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE

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MASS INTENTIONS

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| Vigil | 6.00 pm | Bert Horan (Anniv.) |
| Sun. | 8.30 am | Margaret Raymond (Anniv.) |
| | 10.00 am | Deceased members of Fox and Houlihan families |
| | 11.30 am | Christopher McGuirk (Anniv.) |
| Mon. | 10.00am | Honor Lyons (1st Anniv.) |
| Tues. | 10.00am | James & Cecelia Spellissy (Anniv.) Christopher McGuirk (Anniv.) |
| Weds. | 10.00am | John Walsh (Anniv.) |
| Thurs. | 10.00am | John Sheehy (Anniv.) |
| Fri. | 10.00am | Altar List of the Dead |

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION: today for Epilepsy Ireland.

THE DEEP END

I used to be a terrible worrier. You know the type. Somebody who actually worries about not worrying! I have improved hugely however. It would be hard not to as time, experience and faith have stood me well. Virtually all of the things I have ever worried about have never become a reality and for this I am grateful.

Generally, I have always liked to believe I am quite rational, but the head and the heart can sometimes be at odds with one another, so when I was in my 'worry maze' the reasoning side of me always knew that my worries, in the main, were idle, but a tiny, annoying voice would say 'maybe this time'. That's where wonderful friends come in. I am blessed to have lots of truly genuine people in my life who 'tell it as it is'.

A lovely friend of mine once berated me for 'worry worming'. He was a man of faith, and during a telling off from him (a necessary one!) he said, 'For God's sake Sally, would you listen to yourself; You talk a lot about your faith but you are certainly not putting it into action. Absence of faith is fear and absence of fear is faith.' Take a minute to process this. Good isn't it? That simple but hugely profound sentence has come to my rescue time and again and I would go so far as to say that it is the reason I don't really worry any more.

Because I do have the incredible gift that faith is, and, as in Luke, it has increased my joy, my serenity and my peace. Every prayer is an act of faith in God and faith that whatever happens in this life, God and I will deal with it together. To me, faith and gratitude are the best insurance policies against getting trapped in the insidious net of worry.

Don't worry ... have FAITH! And wonderful friends! *(Sally McEllistrim, World Missions Ireland • pr@wmi.ie)*

Rest of the week in Church calendar:

Mon. 3rd: Bl. Columba Marmion, priest
Tues. 4th: St. Francis of Assisi
Thurs. 6th: St. Bruno, priest (founder of Carthusians)

SPECIAL BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS
- will take place on Wednesday 5th October at 8pm
in Our lady of Mercy, Brookwood Grove, Artane.

Please remember in your prayers: Paul Rodgers & Jim Fitzgibbon - both of whom who died recently.

COFFEE MORNING in aid of ST. FRANCIS HOSPICE
Will take place on Saturday 8th October from 11am to 1pm in Raheny Court Community Room, Avondale. All welcome.

NOVENA to Our Lady of Perpetual Help continues until 4th Oct at the Monastery of St. Alphonsus, St. Alphonsus' Road Upper. Mass times: 9.30am and 8pm each day. Preacher: Fr. Michael Murtagh, Redemptorist. You can join via the webcam at www.rednuns.com

**READINGS Next Sunday
28th Sunday Ordinary Time**

2 Kg. 5:14-17
Ps. 97
2 Tm. 2:8-13
Lk. 17:11-19



You are invited to a **PUBLIC ROSARY RALLY** on Saturday 15th October at 2pm, at the top of St. Brigid's Rd. where it meets the Artane Roundabout (beside the phone boxes). This Rally is one of two hundred taking place across Ireland that day. Please join us (contact bvm.emmanuel@gmail.com)