

**Sunday 8th January 2017**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

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Next Co-Ordination meeting of the **Do This In Memory** (DTIM) team will take place in the Church on Monday next, 9th January at 8p.m.

The **Ignatian Spirituality Group** will meet on Monday next, 9th January at 8p.m. in the Old Baptistry. Fr. Brian Grogan, S. J. will be present. All are welcome.

The next **Baptism Preparation Meeting** will be held at 8p.m. on Tuesday 10th January in the Church to prepare for Baptisms taking place on Sunday 15th January 2017.



**Mass Cards** for all occasions are available in the Parish Office, 10a.m. to 12p.m. weekdays.

**Anam Cara**, the national organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Wednesday 18th of January from 7:30p.m. to 9:30p.m. in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords. The guest speaker for the evening is Brid Carroll. This is a free event open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for event, please RSVP to [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) before Tuesday 17th January or call the Information Line on 085 2888 888.

The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** takes place this year from 18th to 25th January. The theme is *Crossing Barriers: Reconciliation - The Love of Christ Compels Us*.



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**THE DEEP END**

How can we enter into the mystery of Jesus' humble self-abasement and Baptism? Gregory of Nazianzus, a fourth-century Church father tells us: 'Let us be buried with Christ by Baptism to rise with him; let us go down with him to be raised with him; and let us rise with him to be glorified with him.' Do you want to see changes in your life? And do you want to become a more effective instrument of the Gospel? Examine Jesus' humility and ask the Holy Spirit to forge this same attitude in your heart. As you do, heaven will open for you as well. The Lord is ever ready to renew us in his Spirit and to anoint us for mission. We are called to be 'light' and 'salt' to those around us. The Lord wants his love and truth to shine through us that others may see the goodness and truth of God's message of salvation. Ask the Lord to fill you with his Holy Spirit that you may radiate the joy of the Gospel to those around you.

*'Lord, fill me with your Holy Spirit and inflame my heart with the joy of the Gospel. May I find joy in seeking to please you just as you found joy in seeking to please your Father'.* (Don Schwager)

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**Mass Intentions for this week**

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| <b>Sat:</b>   | <b>6.00p.m.</b>  | Gerry O'Donohue (Anniv.)                                |
| <b>Sun:</b>   | <b>8.30a.m.</b>  | Joe Horan (Rec. Dec'd)                                  |
|               | <b>10.00a.m.</b> | Deceased members of the<br>Dodd & Clarke Families       |
|               | <b>11.30a.m.</b> | Robert McCracken (M. Mind)<br>Frank Quinn (Anniv.)      |
| <b>Mon:</b>   | <b>10.00a.m.</b> | Peter Kennedy (Anniv.)                                  |
| <b>Tues:</b>  | <b>10.00a.m.</b> | Special Intention                                       |
| <b>Wed:</b>   | <b>10.00a.m.</b> | Richard Browne (Anniv.)                                 |
| <b>Thurs:</b> | <b>10.00a.m.</b> | Florence & Ernest Dicker and<br>deceased family members |
| <b>Fri:</b>   | <b>10.00a.m.</b> | Mary Browne (Anniv.)                                    |
| <b>Sat:</b>   | <b>10.00a.m.</b> | <b>NO MASS</b>  |

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Kathleen McGrath** whose funeral took place in our parish church this week. Our thoughts and prayers are with her relatives and friends. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

**Next Sunday's Readings (Second Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day of Migrants & Refugees):**  
Is 49:3, 5-6. Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10, R / vv 8, 9. 1Cor 1:1-3. Jn 1:29-34.

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 priests of the parish would like to wish all parishioners a happy & healthy 2017. They are also very grateful to all those who have sent in their Christmas Dues.