

Sunday 19th February 2017

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Two defibrillators will be launched in our Parish Church this weekend, at 7p.m. on Saturday 18th February. One will be located in the Church to the right of the altar, the other will be outside the church, to the right of the main door. Both were fully funded by our parish. All are welcome.

The annual **Day of Prayer** organised by the Dublin Diocesan Pioneers will take place on Saturday 25th February 2017 in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Bachelors Walk. The day will commence with Mass at 11a.m. and conclude with Rosary and Benediction at c.4p.m. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. A donation of €5 towards expenses would be appreciated. All are welcome. Further information from Michael @ 8312065.

A **Summer Fete** will be held in the Parish in late June. A committee has been formed to organise the event and new members are very welcome. Contact the Parish Office @ 8313232 for more details.

Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality
Lenten Prayer Evenings will commence on Tuesday, 28th February. These evenings create a 'sacred space' for you to open your heart to the Word of God, helping you to prepare to celebrate God's great love for us. You can come for any one evening or all seven, as you wish. No need to book, just come along. Donation appreciated.

22nd February: Feast of *The Chair of St. Peter*.

The Annual Collection for **ACCORD**, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will take place at all Masses this weekend. It will replace the usual SHARE collection. Next weekend, 25th/26th February, the churchgate collection will be in aid of the local Conference of the **St. Vincent DePaul Society**.



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MUSINGS

To know what matters and what does not is a lesson that accompanies us all through life. Today's Word of God condenses our choices to basic fundamentals. Be holy (First Reading). Show compassion and thanks. Our desire to be holy, compassionate, grateful and to love perfectly is intensely 'there' and, with equal intensity, 'not there'. We hold ourselves in a condition of surrender. We desire all that God's Word offers us by invitation, yet we choose by our passivity not to initiate nor to cooperate. St Paul opens today's reading with a direct question: 'Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you?' From our own sluggish passivity arises a creativity, a mysterious liberation from all the everyday ordinariness of demands and deadlines. There is nothing to say in answer to the question by St Paul, nothing even to experience in any words that sound impressive, only to accept and realise in the words of today's Psalm, that 'we are crowned with love and compassion' and our 'life will be redeemed from the grave.'

Fr John Cullen, Kiltoom, Co. Roscommon.

Mass Intentions for this week

Sat:	6.00p.m.	Norman Church (1st Anniv.) Vincent Bailey (Anniv.) Caitriona Rooney (2nd Anniv.) Deceased members of the Hulbert & McSweeney families
Sun:	8.30a.m.	Willie McGrath (Rec. Dec'd)
	10.00a.m.	Olivia Griffin (Rec. Dec'd)
	11.30a.m.	Lily Dowdall (M. Mind) Robert McMahon (Anniv.) Austin Sullivan (Anniv.) John Herbert (Anniv.) Sylvia Byrne (Anniv.)
Mon:	10.00a.m.	Mary Harnett-Connolly (Anniv.)
Tues:	10.00a.m.	Gwen Andreucetti (Rec. Dec'd)
Wed:	10.00a.m.	Deceased members of the Cunningham Family
Thurs:	10.00a.m.	Noel Collins (Rec. Dec'd)
Fri:	10.00a.m.	Health Intention

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

Next Sunday's Readings (Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Day of Prayer for Temperance): Is 49:14-15. Ps 61:2-3, 6-9, R/ v 6. 1 Cor 4:1-5. Mt 6:24-34.

The **Legion of Mary**, Raheny welcomes new members to the Praesidium which meets after 10a.m. Mass on Wednesdays in the side Chapel. For further information, phone 8323352.

All services from our Parish Church are streamed live on our website www.rahenyparish.ie...just click on the *Watch Us Live* tab. The Parish Newsletter is also online.