

**NEXT BAPTISM  
PREPARATION MEETING**

- will be at 8pm, on Tuesday,  
Feb. 14th, for the celebration of  
Baptism on Sunday, Feb. 19th.


**CHURCH OF OUR LADY  
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e-mail: [info@rahenyparish.ie](mailto:info@rahenyparish.ie)Website: [www.rahenyparish.ie](http://www.rahenyparish.ie)**MASS INTENTIONS****Vigil 6.00 pm** Gwen Andreucetti, M. Mind**Sun. 8.30 am** Patricia Sampson, Rec. Dec.  
John Davis, Rec. Dec.**10.00 am** Ralf Koetter, Anniv.**11.30 am** MASS FOR THE SICK**Mon. 10.00am** Mark Breslin, Rec. Dec**Tues. 10.00am** Loretta Tighe, Rec. Dec**Wed. 10.00am** John Dillon, Rec. Dec.  
Sean & Mary Hickey, Anniv.**Thur 10.00am** Gwen Andreucetti, Rec. Dec.**Fri. 10.00am** Rita Dunne, Rec. Dec.  
Vincent Bailey, Anniv.
**THE DEEP END  
Going Deeper**

This Sunday we have a third extract from the Sermon on the Mount. It can appear at first glance to be a series of moral statements and rules from Jesus. On closer reflection, we can see Jesus' message here is the call for each of us to 'go deeper'. The Scribes and the Pharisees followed the letter of the law but without depth. Jesus is clear that he has not come to demolish the law, rather, this whole passage is a call to a more profound reflection on our lives; not ticking boxes but moving towards a deeper change of heart in dealings with others. Jesus gives many examples of how people might do this: warning against the hypocrisy of offering gifts and rituals at the altar when we may have huge anger and resentment towards another. Is the real sacrament not in reconciling that relationship first? Which offering is more life-giving? It is not enough to 'not murder', but we must watch our anger which can lead to violence. Jesus is calling on people to watch their thoughts which can lead to serious actions like murder and adultery.

When we encounter Christ, the grace that this experience brings can make us aware of what is not ok in our lives. We are called to a radical conversion, a change of heart. And so we read today's passage with our hearts, not our heads. It may help to recall a time when you felt God's grace bringing you to a deeper realisation about your life.

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The next meeting of **PARISH  
PASTORAL COUNCIL** will  
take place in the old baptistry  
on Monday, 13th Feb. at  
7.30pm.

**CAKE SALE** in aid of the local  
*Foróige* will take place on Sunday  
12th Feb. at Raheny Parish Church  
from 10am - 1pm. Please support.

**Pope Francis invites us to celebrate St. Valentine's Day in a special way.** The WMF2018 (World Meeting of Families) office has prepared flyers with ideas on how to mark the day and gift tokens which you can give to your loved ones on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. These are available in each Cathedral across Ireland, Veritas Shops and Accord centres and can also be downloaded from: [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie) The tokens include: a technology-free evening to do an activity of your choice; set aside time for prayer, go for a hand-in-hand walk together; a special dinner cooked by me, loads of tender hugs; a journey down memory lane: take time to remember how we met and have grown together; pray together as a couple.

**Volunteers are sought to help to  
organise a Summer Fete. Please  
contact the Parish Office if you  
are interested.**

**READINGS Next Sunday  
Ordinary Time: 7th Sunday**

Lev 19:1-2, 17-18  
Ps. 102  
1Cor 3:16-23  
Mt. 5:38-48

**Remainder of week:**

Tues. 14th: SS Cyril, monk and Metho-  
dius, bishop, Patrons of Europe  
Fri. 17th: St. Fintan, abbot

**R.I.P.** Please remember in your prayers Ann  
Fogarty recently deceased. May she rest forever  
in the Peace of Christ.

**Church Gate Collections:**

Sunday 12th: in aid of ST. MICHAEL'S  
HOUSE

Sunday 19th: in aid of ACCORD

**The Legion of Mary, Raheny, welcomes new  
members to the Praesidium, which meets  
every Wednesday in the side chapel after 10  
o'clock Mass. Tel.: 8323352**