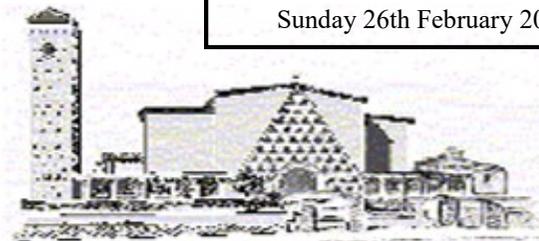


## CHURCH OF OUR LADY MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE, Raheny

Sunday 26th February 2017 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle A Week 4



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### MUSINGS

All of us, ordinary and flawed, have at heart a seemingly boundless longing for fulfilment. On this Day of Prayer for Temperance, we consider Matt Talbot, who had only seven people at his funeral in 1925, but whom hundreds of thousands came to see as a beacon of hope that reflects the struggles addiction can impose on someone's life. He relied on a higher power that affirmed and accepted him, without preconditions. He made an extraordinary journey from the darkness of excessive addiction to wholeness and the light of holiness. Amidst the anxieties and personal anguishes of his own pain-filled days and nights, he shows us the answer to one of the seven questions that Jesus asks in the Gospel today: 'Can any of you, for all his worrying, add one single cubit to his span of life?'

Matt Talbot could identify with the words of today's Psalm: 'In God is my safety and glory, trust him at all times, pour out your hearts before him'. He imbibed the refreshing waters of grace and renewed his life as a heroic witness of the power and presence of God at work within him.

*Fr John Cullen  
Kiltoom, Athlone, Co Roscommon*

### SPRING IN YOUR STEP

Bank of Ireland 5k walk in aid of St. Francis Hospice Raheny, takes place in St. Anne's Park on Saturday 11th March starting at 1pm and finishing at 4pm. Register at [www.sfh.ie/spring-your-step-5k-walk](http://www.sfh.ie/spring-your-step-5k-walk) €20.00 per entry. Eamonn Coghlan & Marty Morrissey will be there to show their support. Late registrations can be taken on the day. Light refreshments and entertainment will be provided on the day. For further details please contact the fundraising team on 01 832 7535 or email at info@sfh.ie

**St. Joseph's Young Priests Society** is meeting on Monday 27th Feb at 2.30pm in the old Baptistry. The society would like to thank all our benefactors who have supported us over the last 8 years.

### Lenten Prayer Evenings at Manresa

Starting 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.

Further information on this and other upcoming programmes and retreats can be found on [Manresa.ie](http://Manresa.ie)

**Next Sunday's Readings : Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7, Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17, R/ cf v 3. Rm 5:12-19**

**Liturgy Group Meeting** will take place on Tuesday 28th February at 10.30am.

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Vigil</b>	6.00pm	Michael Walsh (Month's Mind) Tony, Lily & Marian Gibson (Anniv.) Jimmy & Gladys Dunne and deceased family members
<b>Sun</b>	8.30am	Peig Lang (Rec. Dec'd)
	10.00am	Health Intention
	11.30am	Una Nolan (Month's Mind) Michael Hayden (1st Anniv.) Thomas Byrne (1st Anniv.) Con Sullivan (Anniv.) Gillian O'Connor (Anniv.)
<b>Mon.</b>	10.00am	Lily O'Neill (Rec. Dec'd)
<b>Tues.</b>	10.00am	Pauline Byrne-Nunan (1st Anniv.)
		<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	10.00am	Dan Sheehan (Anniv.)
	1.00pm	Special Intention
<b>Thurs.</b>	10.00am	Michael Walsh (Rec. Dec'd)
<b>Fri.</b>	10.00am	Altar List of the Dead

***There will be two masses on Wednesday 1st March,  
Ash Wednesday - 10am and 1pm***

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls **Philomena Fay and Peter Smyth** whose funerals took place this week. We also remember **Cardinal Desmond Connell**, those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Many thanks for your generous contributions to last weekend's collections. This weekend's churchgate collection is for the local conference of St. Vincent de Paul society.

***Starting on Wednesday 1st March, Ash Wednesday,  
there will be mass each weekday at 10am and 7pm  
in The Parish of the Resurrection, Bayside.***