

# CHURCH OF OUR LADY MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE, Raheny

Sunday 9th April 2017 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Cycle A Week 2



*Palm Sunday*

## MASS INTENTIONS

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### THE DEEP END

Today we read Matthew's account of the death of Jesus; yes it is the long Gospel but we should not miss out on the journey that spending time with this account offers. As you read perhaps you might notice the various characters and their roles, their words and actions. A good question to ask as we enter into this text is 'Where do I stand?' Are you looking on as a bystander, are you in the group of disciples or some other character: Pilate? Pilate's wife? Perhaps it is a more difficult journey as you relate to Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, a Jesus who is 'grieved' because of many things: isolation, the disappointment he must feel because of the abandonment of his friends, betrayal, loneliness, mocking, torture? This is not an easy journey. We know the story does not end here, but for this week we enter into the reality of betrayal, trial, suffering and death.

We might remember today those who stand for justice, those who are counter-cultural, those who stand against oppressive systems even though the path is often dangerous and lonely. We might recall times we felt betrayed, abandoned or times we were in despair.

Try to return to this text during the week, perhaps reading a small section each day as we continue to ask ourselves: 'Where do I stand?'

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Your assistance is required in the distribution of the Easter offerings envelopes. They are on the table in the corridor behind the altar. Your help would be most appreciated. Thank you.

Eucharist Ministers are requested to collect their new rotas from the Sacristy.

Many thanks for your generous contributions to last weekend's collections. This weekend the Advocate Collection for Sunshine House will take place.

On Thursday 6th April, Scoil Áine celebrated the official opening of their new classrooms. Fr. Paul Dunne blessed the new building. Minister for Education Richard Bruton, T.D. and Seán Haughey were in attendance. The Scoil Áine girls provided home baked refreshments after the ceremony. It was a marvellous occasion, enjoyed by all.

You are invited to join the Parish Communal Celebration of the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** on Tuesday 11th April at 7.30pm.

For full details of the Holy Week and Easter timetable please see cards available in the church.

<b>Vigil</b>	6.00pm	Francis Buckley (1st Anniv.) Eddie McDermott (2nd Anniv.) Charles Foran (Anniv.) Paschal Donnelly (Anniv.) Charles Jackson (Anniv.)
<b>Sun</b>	8.30am	Jimmy Corcoran (Rec. Dec'd) Tom and Mary O'Sullivan (Anniv.)
	10.00am	May McSweeney (Rec. Dec'd) Frances McGuirk (Anniv.)
	11.30am	Valerie Brophy (Month's Mind) Paddy Ayres (Month's Mind) Noel Young (Rec. Dec'd) Brid & John Walsh (Anniv.) Jimmy Nolan (Anniv.) Monica Kenny (Anniv.)
<b>Mon.</b>	10.00am	Brian Lenehan (Rec. Dec'd) Doreen Power & her grandson Conor Power (Anniv.) Special Intention
<b>Tues.</b>	10.00am	Michael Walsh (Rec. Dec'd) Frances McGuirk (Anniv.)
<b>Wed.</b>	10.00am	Peig Lang (Rec. Dec'd) David Stobie (Rec. Dec'd)
<b>Thurs.</b>	10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church
<b>Fri.</b>	10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church
<b>Sat.</b>	10.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls **Brian Healy, Margaret O'Neill and Eddie Kane** whose funerals took place this week. We also remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.