

Sunday 17th September 2017

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The **Annual Collection** for *Crosscare* takes place at all Masses this weekend. It will replace the SHARE Collection. For more than 75 years now, *Crosscare* has been providing food and accommodation, information and advice, education and support to those who are most in need in our society. Please give generously.

Mass to mark the opening of the school year will be held for students of Manor House School and their families on Wednesday 20th September at 12p.m. in our parish church. All are welcome.

Faith 4 Life is a course run over four weekends by the Archdiocese of Dublin which aims to deepen the connection between Faith and Life. Each weekend, participants will explore a different theme....Called to become Human & Holy; Called to become Centred on the Word of God; Called to become Church in and for the World; Called to Live Faithfully. The first weekend is 21st & 22nd October and the venue will be Holy Cross College, Clonliffe. Further details and an application form are available at www.evangelisation.ie or (01) 8373732

Mass Cards for all occasions are available from the Parish Office, Monday to Friday 10:30a.m. to 12:30p.m.

Feastdays this week

Thurs. 21st Sept: St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

Sat. 23rd Sept: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest.



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THE DEEP END: GENEROUS LOVE

A remarkable story of generosity featured on Joe Duffy's **Liveline: Call Back** programme on RTÉ recently. It was the story of Shane O'Neill, who had a history of drugs offences and ended up serving time in prison in Belgium. On release from prison he went to the Irish Embassy to ask for the price of a flight to return home, but was turned down. Another Irish man, Charlie Kiernan, overheard the exchange and decided to help, booking him a flight and buying him breakfast. When Shane asked how he could repay him, Charlie suggested he 'pay it forward'. The kind gesture was the catalyst for Shane turning his life around.

It is this sort of generous love that we hear about in today's gospel, in the parable told by Jesus. The master who cancels the servant's debt does so out of compassion and generosity. The servant is grateful, but not so grateful that he is willing to take pity on a fellow servant who owes him just one hundred denarii – one denarius was the usual day's wage for a labourer.

The parable speaks to us about the kindness of God, but also what he expects from us. Because we have been loved, we must love. Because we have been forgiven, we must forgive.

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Mass Intentions for this week

Sat:	6.00p.m.	Rita & Joseph Rochford (Anniv.)
Sun:	8.30a.m.	Alice Culhane (Anniv.) Alice O'Flynn (Anniv.)
	10.00a.m.	Betty & Pat Larkin (Anniv.) Florence & Ernest Dicker (Anniv.)
	11.30a.m.	Elizabeth Green (M. Mind) James Dolan (Anniv.) Margaret McKenna (Anniv.) John, Mary-Anne & Jimmy McNeice (Anniv.)
Mon:	10.00a.m.	Thomas & Margaret Mulrooney (Anniv.)
Tues:	10.00a.m.	John McKiernan (Rec. Dec'd)
Wed:	10.00a.m.	Carmel Ryan (Anniv.)
Thurs:	10.00a.m.	Ian Dangerfield (Anniv.)
Fri:	10.00a.m.	Alice Culhane (Anniv.)

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Raymond Kennedy, Margaret Clarke and Christopher Mulcahy** whose funerals took place in our parish church this week. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Next Sunday's Readings (Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time): Is 55:6-9. Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18, R/ v 18. Phil 1:20-24, 27. Mt 20:1-16.

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 published weekly on the parish website....click on the *Parish Bulletin* tab.