

Sunday 29th October 2017

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Wednesday next, 1st November is the feast of **All Saints** and is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be at 6p.m. (Vigil) 10a.m. & 1p.m.

The parish **Finance Committee** will meet next Tuesday, 31st October at 8p.m. in the Church.



The next **Baptism Preparation Meeting** will be held at 8p.m. on Wednesday 1st November in the Church to prepare for the celebration of Baptism taking place on Sunday 5th November 2017. We welcome **Fionn Reilly, Caoilainn Reilly, Enid O'Halloran, Clodagh Hampson and Sophie Hanrahan** who were baptised into our Christian community recently. We also remember their parents and godparents at this special time.

A **Holy Hour**, including Rosary and Adoration will take place every Thursday morning after the 10a.m. Mass in the side chapel, beginning this Thursday 2nd November, the feast of All Souls.

Altar List of the Dead envelopes are available on the radiators in the Church. We remember our loved ones entered on the Altar List of the Dead at all First Friday Masses throughout the year.

The **Annual Mass** to remember all who have died in our parish in the last year will take place on Monday 6th November at 7:30p.m.

Our **Parish Renewal Day** will take place on Saturday 11th November from 11a.m. to 3p.m. with lunch included. All in ministry in the parish are invited. The aim is to promote dialogue among ministries and to look to the future of our parish.



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THE DEEP END: CHARITY AND DIGNITY

A number of years ago, I began working for a well-known homeless charity. At the induction week we had the privilege of being addressed by a leading campaigner against homelessness in Dublin city. 'Do not give broken cups to broken people' resonated from the address and has stayed with me ever since. As acts of charity many people are often inclined to give or donate old items that they no longer have use for. Within this there is a sincere act of generosity and perhaps a desire of not letting anything go to waste. However, there is a challenge here to consider the recipient's feelings on being handed worn out clothes, almost out of date food or damaged toys. How, perhaps, is this impacting on their feeling of worth in society today? Are they not worthy of some new clothes to regain their sense of pride? Some fresh and tasty food to nourish their bodies? Some new, clean toys, the same as other children their age?

These are superficial examples but point towards a challenge to society to provide services of the highest standards to vulnerable people. History and even recent news stories from both home and abroad have presented infuriating examples time and again. Good intentions need to be coupled with thoughtfulness and a determination to give only the best to our neighbour most in need, to show them that they are respected and loved.

Mary Ann Stokes (VLM)

Mass Intentions for this week

Sat:	6.00p.m.	Willie Barron (Anniv.) Frances Kelly (1st Anniv.) Richie Kelly (Anniv.) Des Garvey & deceased members of the Garvey & O'Hanlon Families
Sun:	8.30a.m.	Frances O'Connor (Rec. Dec'd) Eoghan Ó Suilleabháin (Anniv.)
	10.00a.m.	Bridget & James Rooney (Anniv.) Mary & Pat Coughlan (Anniv.)
	11.30a.m.	Mary Geoghegan (1st Anniv.) John Corran (1st Anniv.) John Hegarty (1st Anniv.) Tony McAuliffe (1st Anniv)
Mon:	10.00a.m.	Health Intention
Tues:	10.00a.m.	Martin Luther
	6.00p.m.	Health Intention
Wed:	8:30a.m.	Des Byrne (Rec. Dec'd)
	1.00p.m.	Health Intention
Thurs:	10.00a.m.	Altar List of the Dead
Fri:	10.00a.m.	Altar List of the Dead

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Joe Lowe** and **Frances O'Connor** 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 (Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time): Mal 1:14-2:2, 8-10. Ps 130. 1 Th 2: 7-9, 13. Mt 23:1-12.

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.