

Sunday 8th October 2017

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Next Meeting of the **Parish Pastoral Council** will take place on Monday 9th October at 7:30p.m. in the Church.

The **Parish Pastoral Council** has installed a *Suggestion Box* at the back of the Church. Please feel free to place any suggestions you might have, pertaining to the parish, in this box.

The **Rosary** will be recited outside our Church next Saturday, 14th October at 4p.m. as a gift to Our Lady and also to mark the centenary of the apparitions at Fatima. All are welcome.

A Special Mass to celebrate **Marriage** will be held at the 11:30a.m. Mass next Sunday, 15th October. All are welcome, especially those who have lost their spouses. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

The **National Day of Prayer for Children** takes place on Friday 13th October. Now in its 10th year, the theme for this year's event is *Let's Be Family*. More information is available on www.wmi.ie

The **School of Word** will take place each Monday at 7:45p.m. for five weeks in the Parish Centre of St. John the Evangelist Church, Kilbarrack. It will be led Fr. Kieran O'Mahony, OSA. All are welcome.

Fest Days: Wednesday 11th : St. Canice, Abbot
Saturday 14th: St. Callistus, Pope

The **Churchgate Collection** after all Masses this weekend is in aid of the **Spina Bifida Association**.
Next weekend, the **World Mission Sunday Collection** will be taken at all Masses.
It will replace the SHARE collection.



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MUSINGS

When God wants to speak to our hearts he leads us to the wilderness. This was his pedagogy with the people of Israel. They had lessons to learn and he had much to teach them. They were schooled and seasoned in the desert. And the schooling was a good forty years!

The forty years in the desert for the Israelites was a fairly long novitiate. God was their Novice Master! He formed them well with lessons that would last a lifetime! They needed to know that he alone was their God and that they were his people. They had to know too that they needed him for they depended entirely on him as he screened them from the scorching sun during the day and sheltered them at night from the freezing cold.

The desert is the place between promise and fulfilment. God had delivered the Israelites from slavery in Egypt but they still had to cross the desert to reach the Promised Land. It was not an easy lesson that they had to learn. It took them some forty years!

We who are time bound and always in a hurry find it difficult to keep pace with God's eternal rhythm.

Mgr Alex Rebello

Mass Intentions for this week

Sat:	6.00p.m.	John Sheehy (Anniv.) Mary Hayes (Anniv.)
Sun:	8.30a.m.	Liam O'Flynn (Anniv.)
	10.00a.m.	Bernadette Murphy (Anniv.)
	11.30a.m.	James Dooley (Anniv.) John Walsh (Anniv.) Rita & Seamus McCarthy (Anniv.)
Mon:	10.00a.m.	John & Bridget McGettrick (Anniv.)
Tues:	10.00a.m.	Michael Gill (Rec. Dec'd)
Wed:	10.00a.m.	Health Intention
Thurs:	10.00a.m.	John McKiernan (Rec. Dec'd)
Fri:	10.00a.m.	John Flanagan (Anniv.)

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Tess McMahon** whose funeral took place in our parish church this week. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

Next Sunday's Readings (Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time): Is 25:6-10. Ps 22, R/ v 6.
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20. Mt 22:1-14.

Please see the new range of books, prayer leaflets etc in the stand at the back of the Church. Please place payment for any items purchased in the safe at St. Anthony's Shrine.

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

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.