

Sunday 21st January 2018

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** runs from 18th - 25th January. This year's theme is 'That All May Be Free'. It is based on the story of Moses and how God called him to lead the Chosen People, the Israelites, from Egypt to the Promised Land.

Many thanks to Rory Halpin, Director of **Spirasi** for his inspirational and challenging talk at 11.30 Mass last Sunday for World Day of Migrants and Refugees. Spirasi provides a welcoming environment for refugees, asylum seekers, and others. Please contact them if you are interested in registering for one of their courses, or if you would like to find out more about what they do. Ph: 01-8389664 or email info@spirasi.ie

Please remember in your prayers all our Parishioners who are sick, especially those in hospital, in the hospice or in Nursing homes. We also pray for carers at this time.

Viatores Christi runs Overseas Volunteer training weekend courses in Dublin - if you are interested in becoming an overseas volunteer or just want to learn more about social justice at home or away, this course is for you. Call us today - Viatores Christi [+353-1-8689986](tel:+35318689986) or email apply@viatoreschristi.com for more info.

We welcome **Matthew Logue**, who was baptised recently into our Christian community. We also remember his parents and godparents at this special time.



Mass cards are available in the Parish Office.



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THE DEEP END: THE CALL

The hymn 'The Summons,' by John L. Bell, consists of a list of questions from Jesus as he calls each one of us to be disciples. Each one begins with the words 'Will you...?' The final verse is our response as disciples: 'Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.'

Today we reflect on Jesus' call to the very first disciples. There is a simplicity to the scenes where Jesus gathers his first disciples. He issues the invitation to follow him, and the fishermen respond with a resounding yes, leaving their nets, boats, and even their families behind, no questions asked. In the opening chapters of Mark's gospel everything happens 'at once' or immediately. There is a sense of urgency; the time has come, the kingdom of God is near, and Jesus needs helpers to work alongside him.

Jesus asks the same of us, his modern-day disciples: 'Follow me'. We are summoned too. We are challenged to leave aside our worldly concerns, see the world in a new way, and to begin a new adventure with Jesus.

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The Churchgate Collection to be taken after all Masses this weekend is in aid of the local Conference of the **St. Vincent De Paul Society**.

Mass Intentions for this week

Sat:	6.00p.m.	Helen Toomey (Rec. Dec'd) Catherine Ryan (Anniv.) Derek Duffy (Anniv.) Lily O'Brien (Anniv.)
Sun:	8.30a.m.	Olive Holohan (Rec. Dec'd) Mick Byrne (B'day Rem)
	10.00a.m.	John Ryan (Rec. Dec'd) Margaret & Ger Hoey (Anniv.)
	11.30a.m.	Vincent Stanbridge (M. Mind) Clare McCarron (Rec. Dec'd) Vincent Duffy (Anniv.)
Mon:	10.00a.m.	Special Intention
Tues:	10.00a.m.	Catherine Keogh (Rec. Dec'd)
Wed:	10.00a.m.	Eamon Ponsonby (Rec. Dec'd)
Thurs:	10.00a.m.	Eileen O'Donovan (Rec. Dec'd)
Fri:	10.00a.m.	Faith Finnegan (Rec. Dec'd)

Next Sunday's Readings (Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time): Deut 18:15-20. Ps 94:1-2, 6-9, R/ v 9. 1 Cor 7:32-35. Mk 1:21-28.

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Catherine Fitzpatrick** and **Anna Payne** whose funerals took place in our parish church this week. Our thoughts and prayers are with their relatives and friends. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Closing date for enrolment for **Junior Infants** in **Naiscoil Íde** for September 2018 is **Wednesday 31st January**. Enrolment forms are available from the school office or from the website.

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.