

CHURCH OF OUR LADY MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE, Raheny

Sunday 7th January 2018 The Baptism of The Lord Cycle B Week 1



Happy New Year

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament takes place every Thursday after 10am mass.

Rosary and prayer for the Marian Movement of Priests takes place on the first Saturday of every month at 3.30pm in Our Lady's Chapel.

Anam Cara North Dublin, an organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its next monthly Parent Evening on Wednesday 17th of January from 7.30pm-9:00pm in the Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, Co. Dublin. Anam Cara North Dublin offers a safe and comfortable setting where you can 'drop the mask' and be yourself among people who understand. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether this was recent or not.

"God walks along the dusty paths of our lives and responds to our longing for love and happiness by calling us to joy"

Pope Francis via Twitter 5th January 2018

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The Deep End : A Searching God

He came in search of John.
He came in search of baptism.
He came in search of blessing.
He came in search of the Spirit.
He came in search of God's favour.
He came in search of God's love.

The first active step that Jesus takes as he begins his ministry is to search. He journeys from Nazareth to the River Jordan to find John, in order to be baptised. While John feels he is 'not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of this sandals', Jesus still seeks him out. He needs this moment of baptism and blessing to begin his ministry. This is his moment of divine calling and endorsement from the Father: 'You are my Son, the Beloved, my favour rests on you.'

We know what it is like to search. We yearn for meaning, for love, and our hearts are always searching for God. Today's first reading from Isaiah speaks of this great thirst: 'Oh come to the water all you who are thirsty'; 'Seek the Lord while he is still to be found'. We must seek constantly to bring ourselves into the presence of God, who will give us his blessing and strength for the road ahead.

"You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless, until they can find rest in you." St. Augustine

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MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00pm	Jennifer Brady (Month's Mind) Frank Quinn (Anniv.)
Sun	8.30am	Colm O'Connor (Rec. Dec'd)
	10.00am	Micheál Molloy (Rec. Dec'd)
	11.30am	Liam O'Higgins (Month's Mind) Gerry O'Donoghoe (Anniv.) Lil & Bill Dowling (Anniv.) Derek Boland (Anniv.) Hugh & Margaret O'Neill (Anniv)
Mon.	10.00am	Funeral Mass of Brian McGuinness
Tues.	10.00am	Special Intention
Wed.	10.00am	Eamon Ponsonby (Rec. Dec'd)
Thurs.	10.00am	Malachy Mangan (Rec. Dec'd)
Fri.	10.00am	Ellen Baldwin (Anniv.)

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Paddy McGinley and Brian McGuinness** who died recently. We also remember those who died recently and whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Next Sunday's readings : 1 Sam 3:3-10, 19. Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10, R/vv8, 9. 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20. Jn 1:35-42

As a guest of Raheny Parish Ignatian Group, Mr. Rory Halpin, Executive Director of SPIRASI (Spiritan Asylum Service Initiative) will speak at 11.30 mass on Sunday 14th January on the theme of Refugee and Migrant Sunday.