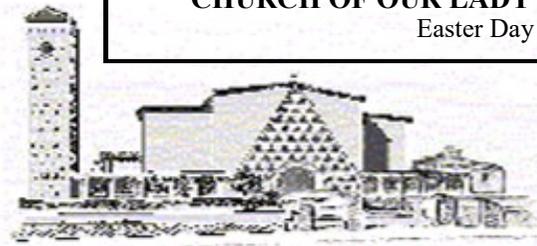


CHURCH OF OUR LADY MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE, Raheny

Easter Day of The Lord's Resurrection



Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Alleluia

World Meeting of Families - 21 to 26 August 2018

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THE DEEP END

For as Yet they did not Understand

Today we celebrate the highpoint of the Christian calendar, Easter. The gospel tells us that Mary Magdalen is the first witness to the Resurrection. 'It was still dark ...' when Mary went to the tomb but it was also the 'first day of the week', a new beginning. We might recall those situations in our lives which seemed so dark, where we felt that there was no light at the end of the tunnel.

Whatever our 'death' experiences may be, we revisit them, going to the tomb as usual. And then we realise that something has changed, the stone has rolled away. Let the stone and linen wrappings in this text today represent all that keeps us from being free; all that keeps us captive, emotionally, physically, spiritually, in our broken relationships and struggling communities. However big that stone appears to be, our faith in the resurrection of Jesus tells us that this stone can be moved. Think of all the situations in our world which need transformation, the homelessness crisis, the violence on our streets, our own sorrow. The Easter gospel shows us that these situations can be transformed, even though it is often a painful journey. Once we experience the resurrection we are called to radical change and to share this transformative joy with others.

'Jesus you are with us. Keep us ever mindful of how you are a part of our lives in a deep and profound way. Surprise us with a touch of your love in places where we never thought that we would find you.' Joyce Rupp

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MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	9.00pm	Easter Vigil
Sun	8.30am	
	10.00am	Easter Sunday
	11.30am	
Mon.	10.00am	Charles Jackson (Anniv.)
Tues.	10.00am	Cathy Stokes (R. D.)
Wed.	10.00am	May Conlon (R. D.) Bryan Bennett (R. D.)
Thurs.	10.00am	Michael Walsh (Anniv.)
Fri.	10.00am	Margaret Flanagan (Anniv.) Patrick Flanagan (Anniv.)

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Gerard McMahon** and **Lurline Mooney** whose funerals took place this week. We also remember those who died recently and whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Many thanks for your generous contributions to last week's collections.

Next Sunday's readings : Acts 4:32-35. Ps 117:2-4, 22-27, R/ v1.1 Jn 5:1-6. Jn 20:19-31.

Wishing All Our Parishioners a Very Happy Easter