

**Sunday 30th December 2018**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

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The **Parish Office** will re-open on Wednesday  
2nd January 2019 at 10a.m.

**World Day of Peace ~ 1st January 2019**

The theme for World Day of Peace 2019, chosen by Pope Francis, is *“Good politics is at the service of peace”*.

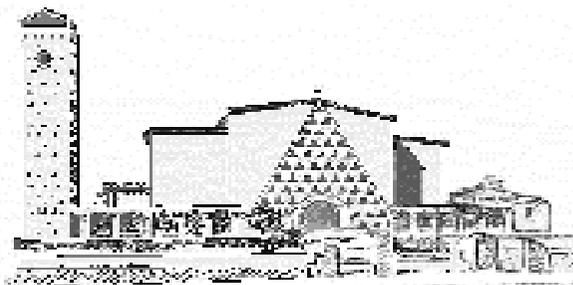
**Unwanted Christmas Gifts Wanted!**

Dubliners are being asked to decide what Christmas gifts they really need and give unwanted presents to homeless people. St. Mary's Pro Cathedral has made space available at the crib to take in any unwanted gifts such as games, clothing, hats, scarves and toiletries. The unwanted gifts are taken into storage by Crosscare – the social care agency of the Dublin Diocese – who redistribute them as gifts to people in their homeless and residential projects this time next year. People can leave their unwanted gifts at the crib in St. Mary's Pro Cathedral from now until 6<sup>th</sup> January.

**Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration** continue in the Church each Thursday after 10a.m. Mass for one hour. Free car parking. All are welcome.

The **Sacrament of Confession** is available in our Church after 10a.m. Mass on Fridays (except if a funeral is taking place) and also on request.

The Priests of the Parish would like to thank to all Parishioners for their generosity in returning their Christmas Dues envelopes.



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**Seeing Your Life Through The Lens of the Gospels**

Luke's skill as a storyteller comes through in the details of the story in a way that many people can identify with: the loss of a child, the frantic search, the seemingly offhand speech of the teenager. Let the drama of the story speak to you. Where do you find good news in it?

In the Gospel of Luke this story serves to give a glimpse of the future greatness of Jesus, the teacher of his people. Sometimes we can look back over our own life, or the lives of others, and with hindsight can see in childhood or teenage years a glimpse of gifts and talents that were later to blossom. Where have you seen this?

'Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?' This seemingly insensitive reply by Jesus to Mary serves to highlight that in his life the mission given him by God would take precedence over family ties, painful though this would be. Perhaps you have known situations in your own life, or in the life of another, where there was pain for family members as you followed your own destiny? Where in the midst of the pain was the good news?

*John Byrne osa*

**Mass Intentions for this week**

<b>Sat:</b>	<b>6.00p.m.</b>	Tommy Halpin (Rec. Dec'd) Tom Whelan (M. Mind) Anne Whelan (Anniv.) Health Intentions
<b>Sun:</b>	<b>8.30a.m.</b>	Anna Rose (Rec. Dec'd) Jack & Eva Flood (Anniv.)
	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Lauri Henderson (Rec. Dec'd)
	<b>11.30a.m.</b>	Vincent Stanbridge (1st Anniv.) Evelyn & Larry Walsh (Anniv.) Anne Whelehan (Anniv.) Robert Brazil (Anniv.)
<b>Mon:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Parishioners' Intentions Tom & Anne Whelan (Anniv.)
<b>Tues:</b>	<b>11.00a.m.</b>	WORLD DAY OF PEACE Mass Bouquets
<b>Wed:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Mass Bouquets
<b>Thurs:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Peter Daly (1st Anniv.)
<b>Fri:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Lily Dowdall (Anniv.)

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of parishioner **Séamus Canavan** whose funeral took place in our parish church this week. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

**Next Sunday's Readings (The Epiphany of the Lord):**  
Is 60:1-6. Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13, R / cf. 11.  
Eph 3:2-3, 5-6. Mt 2:1-12.

All services from our Parish Church are streamed live on our website [www.rahenyparish.ie](http://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.

*The Priests of the Parish and the Newsletter Team wish all our parishioners and readers a very Happy and Peaceful New Year. We hope that 2019 will bring new beginnings, new hope, new joy and many blessings to all. Athbhliain fé mhaise daoibh go léir.*