

Sunday 21st July 2019

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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St. Vincent De Paul Clothing Appeal

Bags will be distributed after all Masses this weekend by the St. Vincent De Paul Society for its annual clothing appeal. All bags must be returned at Masses next weekend, 27th/28th July. Your donations of clean, good quality clothing are greatly appreciated.

There will be a collection at the back of the Church after all Masses this weekend to support the annual **Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**, which will take place in September 2019. Money collected is specifically to support sick people in the diocese to travel to Lourdes. It is hoped that 180 sick pilgrims will be part of this year's pilgrimage. All medical and nursing care for the sick is provided by volunteers from the diocese, free of charge. People who donate to this very worthy cause automatically become **Associate Members** of the pilgrimage and their intentions will be remembered at all the Masses in Lourdes during the pilgrimage. Your support will be greatly appreciated.



Congratulations to **Jennifer Behan** and **Mark Brady** who were married in our church this week. We wish them a long, happy and healthy life together.

Advance Notice...Please be advised that the church gates, including the car park gates will be closed from 10:30a.m. on Monday 5th August (Bank Holiday Monday) to 9:00a.m. on Tuesday 6th August.

The Churchgate Collection, to be taken after all Masses this weekend, 20th/21st July, is in aid of the local Conference of the **St. Vincent De Paul Society**.



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THE DEEP END: Martha & Mary

Jesus visits the home of Martha. For such a short Gospel passage, this text has created much discussion among biblical scholars. It seems everyone in this story is breaking the rules: Jesus rebukes his host, Mary does not help her sister, and Martha is not sitting at Jesus' feet like a good disciple. Luke's gospel is all about 'reversal': what you expect to happen does not happen, often the opposite happens! Confused? Mary is positioned here as a disciple learning from her Teacher. Martha as one who is trying to serve through 'many tasks.' Throughout his Gospel, Luke places a special emphasis on the wider circle of Jesus' disciples, and names the women who follow Him. Luke is perhaps reminding us in this text that being a follower of Jesus requires an upset of the norms and a reversal of roles.

It seems unfair that Martha is being told off for serving those who come to her. If Jesus arrived with a hungry entourage, what host would not be stressed out! Jesus frees Martha from these duties, not because they are not important, but so that she too can be nourished by him. Frantic activity is never good or sustainable for us.

Let today's Gospel be a reminder that when we are bogged down in the craziness around us, we can sit and listen to Him. Then we may be better prepared for the challenges that we face.

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Mass Intentions for this week

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| Sat: | 6.00p.m. | Marion Taylor (1st Anniv.)
John Breslin (Anniv.)
May, Jack & Brian McEneff
(Anniv.)
Birthday and Wedding
Remembrance |
| Sun: | 8.30a.m. | Fr. Joseph O'Hehir & deceased
Priests of the Parish
Health Intentions |
| | 10.00a.m. | Vincent Walsh (Anniv.)
Kathleen & Patrick Cummins
(Anniv.) |
| | 11.30a.m. | Ann Reilly (Rec. Dec'd)
Charlie McMahon & his son
Robert (Anniv.) |
| Mon: | 10.00a.m. | Parishioners' Intentions
Jackie O'Regan (Rec. Dec'd) |
| Tues: | 10.00a.m. | Antoinette Brewer (Anniv.) |
| Wed: | 10.00a.m. | Michael McCabe (Rec. Dec'd) |
| Thurs: | 10.00a.m. | Patrick Allen (Rec. Dec'd) |
| Fri: | 10.00a.m. | Fr. Tommy Murphy (Rec. Dec'd) |

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of parishioner **Angela Mayoock** 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 (Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time): Gn 18:20-32. Ps 137:1-3, 6-8, R/ v 3. Col 2:12-14. Lk 11:1-13

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.