

**NEXT BAPTISM
PREPARATION MEETING**
- will be on Tuesday, 3rd September
at 8pm, for Baptisms on Sunday, 8th
September.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00 pm	Helen Grehan (Anniv.) Kathleen Breen (Anniv.) Stasia O'Mahony (Anniv.)
Sun.	8.30 am	Rosie Duffy (Rec. Dec.) Paddy Byrne (Rec. Dec.)
	10.00am	Bob and Deirdre O'Gorman (Anniv.) Kevin O'Connor (1st Anniv.) Joseph Dermody (Anniv.)
	11.30am	Derek Mills (Anniv.) Patrick and Ellen Atkins (Anniv.) Hare and Treanor Families (Anniv.) Peg and John Lang (Anniv.)
Mon	10.00am	Parishioners Intentions
Tues.	10.00am	John P. Ruddy (Rec. Dec.)
Wed	10.00am	Doris Foy (Rec. Dec.)
Thur	10.00am	Johnny Evans (Rec. Dec.)
Fri.	10.00am	Frances Keegan (Rec. Dec.)

Ever-ready

Nowadays, many houses have security systems. We can have our homes monitored, 24 hours a day, to make sure they are safe. The really advanced systems even allow us to tap into the cameras from our mobile phones. We don't have to stay awake all night in case someone tries to burgle our home – the system takes care of everything. There are so many technologies available whose focus is to help us be prepared for all eventualities; we have apps for everything from predicting the weather to alerting us to traffic delays.

There are no such luxuries in the parables. The men who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast cannot afford to sleep. They won't receive an alert to their phone when their master arrives home. They have no option but to wait up. In the short parable of the householder and the burglar, Jesus again emphasises the importance of 'standing ready.'

Of course, Jesus is not really talking about watchmen and burglars, or being physically prepared; he is talking, rather, about spiritual alertness. It might seem morbid, but ask yourself this: if you were to die tonight, would you be ready? Your answer might tell you something about the areas of your life that need work. Another way in which we can be 'ever-ready' is to be open to the Holy Spirit. When our hearts are alert and open, we are more likely to see God's goodness in those we meet, and be ready to welcome his grace into our lives.

We could not imagine being without our gadgets and apps and all of the things that make our lives easier. Valuable though they are, there is something more valuable – indeed priceless – at stake.

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Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Philomena Dowdall who died recently. May she rest in the loving arms of our merciful God.

Triduum in honour of St Maximilian Kolbe. will take place in the Church of the Visitation, Fairview during 10am Mass starting on Mon. 12th and ending on Wed. 14th August, the Feast day of St. Maximilian.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Tues. 13th: St. Pontian & St. Hippolytus
Wed. 14th: St. Maximilian Kolbe, priest and martyr
Thurs 15th: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat. 17th: Our Lady of Knock

PILGRIMAGES TO KNOCK SHRINE

Sunday Sept. 8th : National Grandparents Pilgrimage (see poster in Church porch)

Sunday Sept. 29th : Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage. Cost €35 (includes coach, snack and hot meal) Departs parish church at 7.30am. Contact Sean or Betty on 8313951 or 087 6435036 to book.

Remembering Brother Roger of Taizé - Contemplative chanted Taizé Evening Prayer to celebrate the 14th anniversary of the death of Brother Roger will be held at St Paul's Church, Arran Quay, Dublin on Friday, 16th August, at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

READINGS Next Sunday (20th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Psalm 39

Hebrews 12:1-4

Luke 12: 49-53



The Country Market in Raheny will be closed until 6th September.