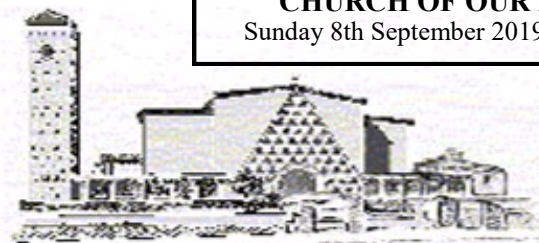


CHURCH OF OUR LADY MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE, Raheny
 Sunday 8th September 2019 Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time Cycle C Week 1



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Liam Lawton
St. Joseph the Artisan Church Jubilee Concert

Bonnybrook Parish celebrates its Golden Jubilee with a concert with Liam Lawton plus special guests. Friday 27th September at 8pm. Further information at bonnybrookparish.ie or phone 8485262



Congratulations to Eva Heffernan and Claudio Borza who were married in our church on Saturday 31st August. We wish them a long and happy life together.

School Open Evenings

Tues 10th Sept - St. Fintan's - 7pm to 9pm
 Thurs 12th Sept - Manor House - 6pm to 8pm

Confessions: After 10:00 a.m. Mass on Friday (Except during Funerals) and on request.

New selection of Mass cards available from the Parish office, 10am to noon, Monday to Friday.

Eucharistic adoration after 10am mass on Thursday only. Free Parking

Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to Knock
 Sunday Sept. 29th : . 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.

Many thanks for your generous contributions to last weekend's collections. Next weekend's Church Gate Collection is in aid the local conference of St. Vincent de Paul

Rethinking Our Attachments

The Gospel is troubling. Does Jesus really expect us to hate our families, friends and even ourselves in order to be his followers? We are being invited to think about how we attach ourselves to things and to people, even to images of ourselves. Attachment can cause all sorts of suffering in our lives. If we are to grow, we must move on from the comfortable, let go of the familiar. That can often be painful. During the month of September, we are celebrating the Season of Creation. We know that our world is currently suffering from a catastrophic loss of bio-diversity, largely caused by a consumerist culture. God's creatures are disappearing from the Earth at a rate we can scarcely comprehend. Insects, mammals, trees, plants and creatures are becoming extinct. We pray that this decline may end, and we acknowledge that we are part of a complex, delicate and interdependent web of life, created by God. Today's Gospel invites us to let go of the attachments in our lives which contribute to this destruction. Let us try to live more simply and sustainably, and to encourage others to do the same. We are called to examine our relationship with material things and walk more gently on the earth.

'It is not enough to think of different species merely as potential 'resources' to be exploited, while overlooking the fact that they have value in themselves ... Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right' (*Laudato Si'*, 33).

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MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00pm	Cian Markham (Month's Mind) Eugene Farrelly (Rec. Dec'd) James and Dorothy Shields (Anniv.) And thanksgiving for the birth of a baby.
Sun	8.30am	Charles Fitzsimons (Wedding Anniv.) Caroline Morrison (5th Anniv.)
	10.00am	Joe Griffin (Rec. Dec'd) Eleanor Ryan (Anniv.) Anna and Michael Hearne (Anniv.) John and Cora on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniv.
	11.30am	Liam O'Mara (Anniv.) Kathleen and Michael McGetrick (Anniv.) Humphrey Family (Anniv.)
Mon.	10.00am	Parishioners Intentions Niall Smyth (Anniv.)
Tues.	10.00am	Colin Clarke (Rec. Dec.)
Wed.	10.00am	Margaret Hanley (Rec. Dec.)
Thurs.	10.00am	Health Intention
Fri.	10.00am	Joe Griffin (Rec. Dec'd)

We also remember those who died recently and whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. AMEN.

Next Sunday's readings : Ex 32:7-11, 13-14. Ps 50:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19, R/ Lk 15:18. 1 Tm 1:12-17. Lk 15:1-32

Feastdays This Week

Monday 9th - St. Ciaran
 Friday 13th - St. John Chrysostom
 Saturday 14th - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross