

Sunday 3rd November 2019

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The **Annual Mass for all those who have died in our Parish** since last November takes place on Monday 4th November at 7:30p.m. All are invited to attend to remember and pray for recently deceased parishioners and family members.

The **Annual Remembrance Mass** will take place in St. Monica's Parish, Edenmore on Friday 8th November at 7:30p.m.

The **Annual Remembrance Mass** will take place in St. Benedict's Parish, Grange Park on Saturday 9th November at 7p.m.

Next meeting of the **St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society** will take place on Monday 4th November at 2:30p.m. in the Old Baptistry. Please do come along and pray for vocations. All are welcome.

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.

Mass Cards for all occasions are available in the Parish Office each weekday from 10:30 to 12p.m..

Volunteers are required for the **St. Francis Hospice Christmas Appeal**. Please contact the team on (01) 8327535 or email volunteers@sfn.ie if you could spare a few hours to sell Hospice Merchandise in Northside Shopping Centre on Friday 8th or Saturday 9th November.

A performance of **Handel's Messiah**, with the **Guinness Choir & Orchestra** will take place in St. Peter's Church Phibsborough on Sunday 24th November at 7:30p.m. For further information, phone (01) 8389708.



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The Deep End: Zacchaeus

Like many people today, Zacchaeus was a 'seeker.' We read that he was anxious to see what Jesus was like. Clearly, he was drawn to Jesus in some way, was searching for something or someone. Zacchaeus was an outcast, a tax collector, considered a sinner by the community. Yet Jesus reaches out to him in a gesture of hospitality and friendship. In return, Zacchaeus offers the strictest requirement, as noted in the Jewish scriptures, for restitution: 'four times the amount' of money he had taken from people. But notice that Jesus reaches out in love before Zacchaeus offers compensation for his crimes.

The encounter with Jesus has led Zacchaeus to be a witness to restoration and solidarity. He wants to *restore* justice where he has acted unjustly. Whether it was the crowd, greed, politics or corruption that was preventing Zacchaeus from seeing Jesus, he has been welcomed back to the table. Jesus is waiting to be invited to his home *today*. Complaints and negativity continue in the background, but none of that matters. This man is a 'son of Abraham'. It was the affection of Christ, not the condemnation of the town, that reversed the situation.

Who do you need to reach out to today in a similar way?

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Mass Intentions for this week

Sat:	6.00p.m.	Mary Meade (1st Anniv.) Paddy Meade (Anniv.) Willie Barron (Anniv.) Jane Barron (B'day Rem.)
Sun:	8.30a.m.	Blathnaid Dunne (Anniv.) Jack Quinn (Anniv.)
	10.00a.m.	William Dargan (1st Anniv.) Margaret Dargan (Anniv.) John & Rita Gallagher (Anniv.)
	11.30a.m.	Greta Healy (Rec. Dec'd) Nigel Kelly (1st Anniv.) Joe Lowe (Anniv.) Susan Fogarty (Anniv.)
Mon:	10.00a.m.	Parishioners' Intentions
Tues:	10.00a.m.	Nora Abraham (Remembrance)
Wed:	10.00a.m.	Bríd Rush (Anniv.)
Thurs:	10.00a.m.	Jim Corcoran (Anniv.)
Fri:	10.00a.m.	Hugh & Marell McGreevy (Anniv.) Willie & Margaret McGreevy (Anniv.)

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of parishioner **Desmond Keoghan** 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 (Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time): 2 Mac 7:1-2, 9-14. Ps 16:1, 5-6, 8, 15. R/ v 15. 2 Th 2:16-3:5. Lk 20:27-38

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.