

**Sunday 5th January 2020**

**Second Sunday of Christmas**

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Monday next, 6th January is the Feast of the **Epiphany of the Lord** and is a holy day of obligation. Masses for the feast day will be celebrated in our church at 10a.m. and 1p.m. Please note that there will be no Vigil Mass on the eve of the feast day (Sunday, 5th January).



The next **Baptism Preparation Meeting** will be held on Thursday 9th January at 8p.m. in the Church to get ready for the celebration of Baptism on Sunday 12th January 2020.

**Ministers of the Eucharist** are reminded to collect the latest rosters (January to March 2020) which are available from outside the Sacristy.

The closing date for enrolment for **Junior Infants** for September 2020 in our parish primary school, **Naiscoil Íde**, is Wednesday 15th January 2020.

**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 morning from 10:30a.m. to 12p.m.

Unwanted Christmas Gifts (non perishable) are being accepted at the crib in the Pro Cathedral until 6p.m. on Monday 6th January 2020. These gifts will be redistributed by Crosscare, the Diocesan Social Care Agency, during the year.



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**WORLD BECAME FLESH**

Today we hear the beautiful prologue to John's Gospel. It would be worth finding the time to meditate on these verses during the week. They are beautifully rich. 'In the beginning was the *Word...*' in Greek, *logos*. This *logos* (Word) has far more meaning than its English translation can give. It refers to all-knowledge; all-being; that which is forever; the Word that is Divine, Creator of the universe, Being, God, Father and Mother of all things.

We read in this prologue that not one thing came to be without God. Do we really see God at the centre of all things? In our environment, in nature, in all created beings? Science tells us our universe is 13.8 billion years old. We cannot even conceive of such a time scale. John tells us of God at that point, at that great flaring forth of all creation, when everything came to be. This Word was with God at that moment and was God.

If we truly believe in the Incarnation, let us be alert and awake to the Incarnation of God every day in our lives; Christ present in all people, in every created thing, for God is fully at work in creation at every stage, then, now and forever. For creation and incarnation are not different events, but the same event, the same process.

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**Mass Intentions for this week**

<b>Sat:</b>	<b>6.00p.m.</b>	Brendan Kerrigan (M. Mind) Maureen Walsh (Anniv.) Lil and Bill Dowling (Anniv.)
<b>Sun:</b>	<b>8.30a.m.</b>	For the intentions of Úna O'Moore and family
	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Jack and Kay Mathews (Anniv.) Marian Fenton (Anniv.)
	<b>11.30a.m.</b>	Jimmy Smith (Rec. Dec'd) Gerry O'Donohue (Anniv.) James O'Connor & deceased members of the O'Connor Family (Anniv.)
<b>Mon:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Parishioners' Intentions Mary Keating (Anniv.)
	<b>1:00p.m.</b>	
<b>Tues:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Birthday Intentions
<b>Wed:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Michael Byrne (B'day Rem.)
<b>Thurs:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Holy Souls
<b>Fri:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Birthday Intentions

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Madeline Garvey, Patricia Dowling and Maeve Devlin** whose funerals took place in our parish church this week. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

**Next Sunday's Readings (The Baptism of the Lord):**  
Is 42:1-4, 6-7. Ps 28:1-4, 9-10, R/ v 11.  
Acts 10:34-38. Mt 3:13-17.

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.