

**Sunday 16th February 2020**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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The **Annual Collection** for **Accord Dublin**, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. It will replace the usual Share Collection.

Next meeting of **St. Joseph's Young Priests Society** will take place on Monday next, 17th February at 2:30p.m. in the Old Baptistry. All are welcome.

Next meeting of the **Parish Pastoral Council** will take place on Monday next, 17th February at 7:30p.m.

The latest set of parish accounts is available in the church.

The date for the commencement of **Lectio Divinia** has changed. It will now begin on Thursday 27th February at 11a.m. in the Old Baptistry. All are welcome.

**St. Anne's Conference** (local conference) of St. Vincent De Paul is seeking new members. If you are interested, please contact Peter or Michael at 086 1642854.

**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.



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**THE BARE MINIMUM**

There are times when we try to get by with the bare Minimum. Maybe we have scraped through an exam with the minimum of effort, or done a last-minute rush job to complete a work project. Plenty of us know what it's like to do just enough around the house to keep it from descending into total chaos!

Perhaps unconsciously, we sometimes take the same approach to our relationships – only phoning a parent once in a blue moon to 'check in,' or visiting a friend only when we are reminded. It can be easy to slip into a pattern of acting out of a sense of duty rather than love.

Of course, our faith can go the same way. Are there times when we approach the Eucharist with a niggling feeling that something is not quite right? If so, Jesus has some strong words for us in today's Gospel. If we believe that all we are expected to do is 'follow the rules,' we have missed something important. Jesus does not want us to merely follow the letter of the law. Where is the joy or the challenge in that? He tells us that our virtue must go deeper than simply doing the bare minimum. Not only must we not kill, we must not be angry with others. Not only must we not break a promise, we must be honest in all our dealings and in our speech. If we approach the altar without being on good terms with others, we are not in true communion with God.

Obedying the rules is the bare minimum. The Gospel is calling us to a more radical way of living.

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**Mass Intentions for this week**

<b>Sat:</b>	<b>6.00p.m.</b>	Canice Hayes (Rec. Dec'd) Caitriona Rooney (Anniv.) Vincent Bailey (Anniv.) Jimmy & Gladys Dunne & deceased family members (Anniv.)
<b>Sun:</b>	<b>8.30a.m.</b>	Health Intentions
	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Canice Hayes (M. Mind) John & Mary Power and their daughter Margie (Anniv.)
	<b>11.30a.m.</b>	Patricia Dowling (M. Mind) Caitriona Kelly (M. Mind) John & Bridget Soffe (Anniv.) Robert & Catherine Mullen (Anniv.)
<b>Mon:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Parishioners' Intentions
<b>Tues:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Health Intentions
<b>Wed:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Tony Byrne (Rec. Dec'd)
<b>Thurs:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Mary Harnett Connolly (Anniv.)
<b>Fri:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Mary & Richard Browne (Anniv.)

**Next Sunday's Readings (Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time):** Lev 19:1-2, 17-18. Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13, R/ v 8. 1 Cor 3:16-23. Mt 5:38-48.



The next **Baptism Preparation Meeting** will be held on Thursday 20th February at 8p.m. in the Church to get ready for the celebration of Baptism on Sunday 23rd February 2020.

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.