



CHURCH OF OUR LADY MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE, Raheny

Sunday 23rd February 2020 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle A Wk 3

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Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage 2020 - 10th to 17th June - €715. Accompanied by Fr. Brian Treacy as Spiritual Director. Visit www.marian.ie for further information. Or call Derek and Anne Farrell on 086 2573824 or 087 9224077

“Deep Peace” - A celebration in words and music in recognition of the care given by St. Francie Hospice for over 30 years. Sunday 1st March 2020 at 3pm in St. Patrick’s College Chapel, Drumcondra. Free public event - All Welcome.

The **Dublin Diocesan Annual pilgrimage to Knock** takes place on Saturday 25th April 2020 from 11am to 4:30pm. The day will include talks, personal time, Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, Pilgrimage Mass and picnic lunch (bring your packed lunch!). There will also be specific programmes for children and young people. Come and join others from throughout the Diocese for this pilgrimage of Hope, Healing and Reflection. For more information email: knockpilgrimage@dublindiocese.ie

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.

23 February 2020 • Day of Prayer for Temperance

The power of forgiveness ‘I bear no ill will. I bear no grudge. Dirty sort of talk is not going to bring her back to life. She’s in heaven and we shall meet again. I will pray for these men tonight and every night.’ These words of Gordon Wilson echoed across the world in 1987, just hours after his 20-year-old daughter Marie was killed in an IRA bomb in Enniskillen. Very few words in the history of the Northern Ireland conflict had such a powerful impact. His extraordinary capacity to forgive the people who had caused him so much pain helped to move along the slow process.’

Gordon Wilson was the personification of the words of Jesus: ‘love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.’ It is one of the most difficult and challenging passages in the Gospels; one commentator calls it ‘Jesus’ most unreasonable command.’ Living under oppressive Roman rule, with torture and murder not uncommon, the disciples knew what it was to hate their enemies. As we read and listen to the news today, the cruelty of people continues to astound and upset us. But Jesus reminds us that everyone is human. All are children of God, who ‘causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good.’ While we clearly don’t accept or excuse the terror and evil in the world, we cannot dehumanise those who carry out despicable actions. It is much easier said than done, but we must strive to meet hatred with love. With God, there is always forgiveness; there is always hope.

‘Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.’

Martin Luther King Jr

MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00pm	Madeline Garvey (R.D.) Brendan Kerrigan (R.D.) Teresa McKeever (Anniv.)
Sun	8.30am	Willie Brankin (R.D.) Declan Brennan (R.D.)
	10.00am	Mary O’Halloran (R.D.) Hannah and Patrick King (Anniv.)
	11.30am	Michael Hayden (Anniv.) Joseph Kearns (10th Anniv.) Con Sullivan (Anniv.) Austin Sullivan (Anniv.)
Mon.	10.00am	Funeral Mass of Joan Dixon
Tues.	10.00am	Johnny and Frances Power (Anniv.)
Wed.	10.00am	Ash Wednesday
Thurs.	10.00am	Kevin Farrelly (Anniv.)
Fri.	10.00am	Pauline Byrne-Nunan (Anniv.)

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Jack Joyce, Johanna Egan** and **Joan Dixon** who died this week. Please also remember in your prayers this week those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Next Sunday’s Reading : Gen 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7. Ps 51: 3-6, 12-13, 17. Romans 5: 12 -19. Mt 4: 1-11

St. Anne’s Conference of St. Vincent de Paul is seeking new members. Please contact Peter or Michael on 086 1642854.