

Sunday 8th March 2020

Second Sunday of Lent

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The annual **Novena of Grace** will continue in **Holy Trinity Church**, Donaghmede until Thursday 12th March at 7:30p.m. each evening (11:30a.m. on Sunday 8th March). It will be led by V. Rev. Msgr. Daniel O'Connor, Episcopal Vicar for Education in the Dublin Diocese. All are welcome to attend.

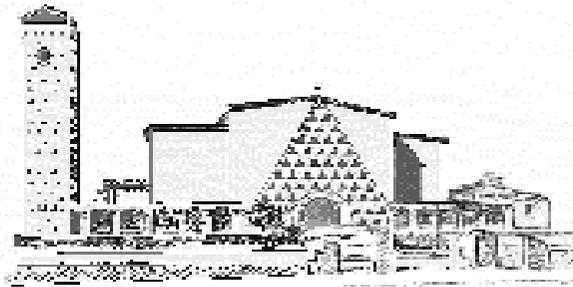
Please remember in your prayers the boys from **Scoil Assaim** who will celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** for the first time on Tuesday 10th March.

The annual **Lenten Day of Prayer**, organised by the **Dublin Diocesan Pioneer Council** will take place on Saturday, 21st March in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Bachelors Walk, commencing with Mass at 11a.m. and followed by prayer, discussion and reflection in the adjoining Hall. The day will be guided by Fr. Darren of the Blessed Sacrament Community and will close at 4p.m. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. A suggested donation of €5 to cover expenses would be appreciated.

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.



Church of Our Lady Mother of Divine Grace, Raheny

THE DEEP END: LISTEN TO HIM

On this second Sunday of Lent, we hear the story of the Transfiguration. It is an account of a significant spiritual experience for the disciples. We can recall in our own lives times when we received a new spiritual insight, moments when we came to know Jesus in a more profound way. These moments change us, they are powerful and can sustain us in difficult times.

During Lent we are invited into a new way of seeing. As our world faces enormous environmental challenges, faith communities have a huge role to play in protecting God's creation for generations to come. The roots of the environmental crisis are deeply spiritual, for we have become disconnected from nature and forgotten how deeply interconnected everything is. This calls for a deep conversion, a reconnection; to be filled again with a childlike sense of awe and wonder where our relationship with the natural world is concerned. This Lent, let us spend more time in nature, being aware of God's presence in every created thing. Let us stand awestruck before the beauty of the world.

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The **5K Memorial Walk** led by Kathryn Thomas in aid of **St. Francis Hospice** will take place on Sunday, 8th March in St. Anne's Park from 1p.m. to 4p.m. Entry fee is €20 per adult. Children free. Further details on www.sfh.ie

The Churchgate Collection, to be taken after all Masses this weekend, is in aid of the local conference of the **St. Vincent De Paul Society**.

Mass Intentions for this week

Sat:	6.00p.m.	Jane Barron (1st Anniv.) Margaret O'Sullivan (25th Anniv.) Kathleen Gordon (Anniv.)
Sun:	8.30a.m.	Dymphna McKeon (Rec. Dec'd) David Doyle (Rec. Dec'd)
	10.00a.m.	Mary O'Halloran (M. Mind) Margaret Walsh (Anniv.)
	11.30a.m.	Mary Ryan (Rec. Dec'd) David Cagney (Anniv.) Valerie Brophy (Anniv.)
Mon:	10.00a.m.	Parishioners' Intentions
Tues:	10.00a.m.	Tony Byrne (Rec. Dec'd)
Wed:	10.00a.m.	Finbar Crowley (Anniv.) Tony Barron (Anniv.)
Thurs:	10.00a.m.	Nicholas Bridgett (Anniv.)
Fri:	10.00a.m.	Special Intentions

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Frank McPherson** and **James Creagh** 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 (Third Sunday of Lent):
Ex 17:3-7. Ps 94:1-2, 6-9, R/ v 8. Rm 5:1-2, 5-8.
Jn 4:5-42.

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.