

**Sunday 7th September 2014  
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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**Welcome to our new Parish Priest**

We are delighted to extend a very warm welcome to our new Parish Priest, Fr. Michael Cullen. We wish him every happiness and blessing in his ministry here with us in Raheny.

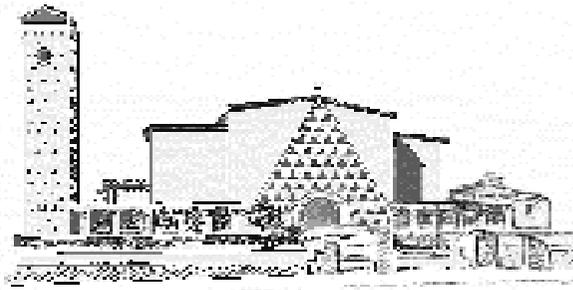
Tea & Coffee will be served at the back of the Church after the 6p.m. Vigil Mass and the 10a.m. & 11:30a.m. Masses this Sunday to give parishioners an opportunity to meet and greet Fr. Michael. All are welcome.

**Raheny Missionary Project** would like to sincerely thank all parishioners for their very generous donations to their recent churchgate collections, both at the Parish Church and at the Capuchin Friary. The total amount donated was €5,480. Míle buíochas.

The churchgate collection this weekend is in aid of the **Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind**

From the weekend of 21st September, Sunday Masses will be celebrated in **Kilbarrack/Foxfield Church** at 6:30p.m. (Saturday Vigil) and at 9:30a.m. and 12:00 noon on Sunday.

A day of prayer, reflection and Eucharist, facilitated by Sally Hyland, SJG will take place in Stella Maris Retreat Centre, Howth on Wed. 24th September from 10a.m. to 4:30p.m. Cost is €50 to include meal and coffee breaks. For further details, contact Sally on (087) 6226620.



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**Seeing Your Life through the lens of  
today's Gospel ~ Matthew 18:15-20**

At the time Matthew was writing his Gospel local church communities would have numbered no more than fifty people. They would be known to one another. Matthew presents the instructions of Jesus for dealing with people whose behaviour disrupted and harmed the community. Note the steps suggested. Simple directions but many of us do otherwise. We avoid difficult confrontations. We talk about the faults of others to everyone but themselves. We go over the head of someone who displeases us and make complaints. In your experience, which approach is life-giving for you and for others?

While Jesus is referring to a group situation, the advice can be applied also to personal difficulties and problems with others. What lessons has life taught you about constructive ways of dealing with conflict?

As individuals and communities we have the power to bind and to loose, to exclude people from relationship, or to open up and include others in relationship. When have you found it important to acknowledge this power in your own life?

Jesus also promises to be with his followers when they gather together. What does that mean to you? How have you experienced the presence of Jesus in his followers gathered together?

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**Mass Intentions for this week**

<b>Sat:</b>	<b>6.00p.m.</b>	John Breslin (M. Mind) James O'Sullivan (M. Mind)
<b>Sun:</b>	<b>8.30a.m.</b>	Pro Populo
	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Ann Sheeran (1st Anniv.)
	<b>11.30a.m.</b>	Marjorie Jordan (Anniv.)
<b>Mon:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Jean & Aiden Robinson (R.I.P.)
<b>Tues:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Bernard Ryan (Rec. Dec'd)
<b>Wed:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Sadie Kavanagh (Rec. Dec'd)
<b>Thurs:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Jim Bunyan (Anniv.)
<b>Fri:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Bryan Gleeson (Rec. Dec'd)
<b>Sat:</b>	<b>10.00a.m.</b>	Michael Nelson (Anniv.)

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of **George O'Doherty**, Howth Road, **Brendan O'Reilly**, St. Anne's Avenue and **Jack Moore**, Howth Road who died recently. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

**Next Sunday's Readings (Exaltation of the Holy Cross):**

Num 21:5-9 Phil 2:6-11 John 3:13-17

**Schools' Open Evenings**

**Manor House School:** Thurs. 11th September, from 6p.m. to 8p.m. for Primary School girls and their parents/guardians.

**Pobalscoil Neasáin:** Wed. 17th September, from 7p.m. to 9p.m. for 5th & 6th Class Primary School pupils and their parents/guardians.