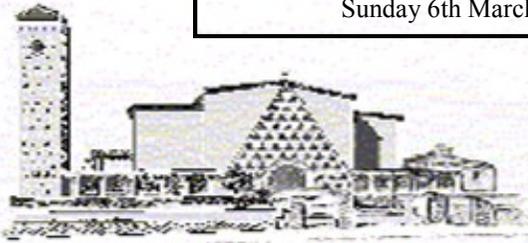


## CHURCH OF OUR LADY MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE, Raheny

Sunday 6th March 2016 Fourth Sunday of Lent Cycle C Week 4



### Krakow Fundraising

Dear Parishioner,

A word of thanks to everyone who is so generously contributing to our events. Tickets for the raffle will be available after every mass until Easter Sunday morning. A cake sale will take place after 10am and 11.30am masses on St. Patrick's Day. Copper collection is going well, keep up the good work.

*Thank you  
Krakow Representatives*

This weekend's Church Gate Collection is organised by the Lions Club in support of St. Francis Hospice.

### Remember our Dead

We invite any parishioners who have lost a loved one to bring a colourful piece of material (approx. 15x16cm, 6x4in) and place it in a basket near the Baptismal Font during Lent.

During Holy Week, we hope that a seamstress will volunteer to sew these pieces of cloth together to form a stole of remembrance. The stole will be draped over the cross on Good Friday. It will be used again throughout the month of November.

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### Do You Believe Who You Are?

When Pope Francis announced this Jubilee Year of Mercy, he urged that this year the season of Lent should be lived more intensely as a special season to celebrate and experience God's mercy. For him what matters is the actual experience of mercy, which is in the giving and receiving. The love of God, which is mercy itself, must become part of our being. You may well ask how this happens. It happened when we were baptised, we became in a special way one of God's family, and as a result **God lives in and with us.**

When you think this amazing fact through, it means that **we are the face of God's mercy**, in other worlds we are God's hands and feet. It is you and I that will bring God's mercy to others. We will do that because of the way we live, and the way we act towards others. Put another way, God depends upon us to show and give his mercy to others. Do you believe that about yourself? Pope Francis reminds us that the **Year of Mercy** is about a radical transformation in "**who we believe we are**".

*Condensed from an article by Fr. Daniel O'Leary*

*Next Sunday's Readings : Is 43:16-21. Ps 125, R/ v 3. Phil 3:8-14. Jn 8:1-11.*

**Stella Maris Retreat Centre**, Howth, Wednesday 9th March from 10am to 4.30pm - This reflective day invites you to take an encouraging look at the deeper meaning of Lent, through the struggle to the hope and joy of the Resurrection. To book contact Sally on 087 6226620

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Vigil</b>	6.00pm	Kevin O'Brien (Rec. Dec'd) Tommy Russell (Anniv.)
<b>Sun</b>	8.30am	Joe & Philomena Whelehan (Anniv.) Tom & Cecilia McDermott (Anniv.)
	10.00am	Timothy & Elizabeth Hanley (Anniv.) Lorenzo Betaizar Sr. (Anniv.)
	11.30am	Bernadette Lynes (Anniv.) Birthday Intention
<b>Mon.</b>	10.00am	Miriam McDermott (Rec. Dec'd)
<b>Tues.</b>	10.00am	Special Intention
<b>Wed.</b>	10.00am	Deceased members of Our Lady Queen of Peace Praesidium, Legion of Mary
<b>Thurs.</b>	10.00am	Michael O'Brien (Rec. Dec'd)
<b>Fri.</b>	10.00am	Raymond Hickey (Rec. Dec'd)

*There is no Saturday 10am mass*

Many thanks for your generous contributions to last weekend's collections.

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of **Sean Ginty, Pauline Byrne Nunan** and **Felix McSweeney** whose funerals took place this week. We also remember those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**Raheny Girl Guides** are celebrating our 50th Anniversary. Come along to our open evening for girls aged 10-14, Wednesday 9th March, 7.30pm to 9.30pm in Scoil Áine School Hall. Have fun, make new friends and learn a new skill!