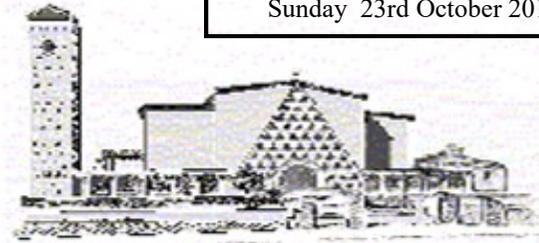


CHURCH OF OUR LADY MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE, Raheny

Sunday 23rd October 2016 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle C Week 3



Many thanks for your generous contributions to last weekend's collections. The annual collection for **Mission Sunday** takes place at all masses this week-

We welcome to our parish community **Dan Anthony O'Brien, Elizabeth Catherine Lawlor, Ben Joseph Hayes** and **Fia Elizabeth White** all of whom received the sacrament of baptism last weekend. Many congratulations to them, their parents and their families on this special celebration.

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of **John Jones** and **John Linehan** whose funerals took place this week. We also remember those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.

The **Raheny Folk Group** are looking for new members. Those interested should call Paul Reynolds on 087 289 2056.

Volunteers are sought for the **Parish Pastoral Council**. The council meets approximately ten times per year and organises all aspects of the pastoral life of the parish. If you are interested in becoming involved, please leave your name in the Parish Office.

A Continuation Course in **Ignatian Spirituality** will commence on Mon 24th Oct at 7.30pm in the Old Baptistry. All welcome. Remaining dates 14th/28th Nov, 12th Dec and 9th Jan.

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MUSINGS

From bargaining...

Hard bargaining is inimical to robust loving. Effective bargaining is built on perceived strengths. Enriching love thrives on trustful acceptance. A bargaining heart misses out on the fulfilment of generosity. Self-righteousness blocks out the balm of enriching friendship.

The Pharisee in this Sunday's Gospel sets out his stall very well. His fidelity to the accepted norms is above reproach. His report card merits ten out of ten at least. He is a cut above the rest. He can bargain with the Lord from strength. What he wants in prayer is affirmation in self-righteousness, approval from his peers and first place in the pecking order.

The man at the back of the temple has no bargaining chips. He believes in a different God. His heart is just open to healing mercy; to a tender welcome; to new beginnings; to on-going, enriching love; true friendships, human and divine.

The two men may be in the temple at the same time, but have very different agendas.

*Fr Tom Clancy
Church of the Holy Spirit,
Dennehy's Cross, Cork*

Next Sunday's Readings :

Wis 11:22-12:2. Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14, R/ cf. v 1. 2 Th 1:11-2:2. Lk 19:1-10.

MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil	6.00pm	Des Garvey & deceased members of the Garvey O'Hanlon families
Sun	8.30am	Margaret Raymond (Rec. Dec'd) Norah Wood (Anniv.)
	10.00am	Eoin Ó Suilleabháin (Anniv.) Joan & Frank Kerrigan (Anniv.)
	11.30am	Gertie Fagan (1st Anniv) Mary & Michael McCormack and their daughter Annette O'Brien (Anniv.)
Mon.	10.00am	Peggy O'Rourke (Rec. Dec'd)
Tues.	10.00am	Mick Mannion (Rec. Dec'd)
Wed.	10.00am	John & Esther Bennett (Anniv.)
Thurs.	10.00am	James Walsh (Rec. Dec'd)
Fri.	10.00am	Larry Fagan (Rec. Dec'd)

On **Monday 7th November at 7.30pm** a mass will be celebrated for all whose funerals took place from our Church during the year. Anyone who lost a loved one during the past year is invited to let the Parish Office know the name of the deceased so that it can be placed on the list of remembrance and a candle provided in their memory. Contact the Parish Office on 831 3232 (mornings only) by 6th November.

Volunteers are sought to deliver envelopes to homes on their road for the November **Altar List of the Dead**. Envelopes are on the table in the hall beside the office. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Feast Days this Week

Friday 28th - Ss Simon and Jude.