



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 24th / 25th Aug 2019

RAHEEN PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday 21st August 2019
 Numbers: 04-07-10-18.
TWO €10,000 Jackpot Winners:
 Margaret Gorman Mountmellick Parish & Christine Phelan Abbeyleix Parish
 42 match 3s win €24 3 local Winner.
 Alma c/o L. Kavanagh, Mary Ann c/o Kavanagh & Anne Sinnott c/o Self.

Lotto Gift Vouchers for 5 weeks & 10 weeks are available.
 Contact Parish Office if you wish to avail of this.

Whist Results 21st August 2019

Top score: Nora Breen. Lady 1: Paddy Purcell.
 Lady 2: Sheila Fogarty. Gent 1: Billy Carter. Gent 2: Liam McCartney. Halves: Maura McQuillan, Nancy Dowling. Best of 3: Tom Lalor. Raffle: Nancy Dowling, Mick Kelly, Billy Carter and Sheila Fogarty. Thanks for your support.

Ladywell Novena 2019 @ 7.30pm

Sat 31st August: (MASS) *Fr. Eamonn O' Gorman*
Sunday 1st Sept: *Fr. Sean Hyland*
Monday 2nd Sept: *Ref Patrick Roche (Deacon)*
Tuesday 3rd Sept: *Fr. Paddy Byrne*
Wed 4th Sept: *Fr Eoin Casey*
Thurs. 5th Sept: *Fr Liam Lawton*
Friday 6th Sept: (MASS) *Fr. David Vard*
Sat 7th Sept: (MASS) *Fr. Eamon O' Gorman*

Colt GAA CLUB- Lotto Results

16/08/2019 -
 Numbers: 25-26-27
No Winner:
 4 x '20: *Seamus Morgan c/o Seff, Tara Ryan c/o Tony Ryan Pauric Fitzpatrick c/o Ann McDermot, Darren Brennan c/o T. Brennan Next Week's Jackpot 900*

Phone Answering Service

Eir are up-grading their phone answering service. As a result the parish phone answering service is out of action for the past few weeks. We hope it will be sorted soon. Apologies for any inconvenience. If you wish to leave a message send an e-mail to raheenparish@gmail.com.
 Thanks



Wishing all our young parishioners and their principals, teachers and all school staff every blessing as they begin to return to school this week.

Back To School... Thank God

Back to School - three little words guaranteed to elicit moans and groans from our children ... but for millions of children around the world, the option of an education is nothing more than a pipe dream. As a result of poverty and marginalization, more than 72 million children around the world remain unschooled. Sub-Saharan Africa is the most affected area with over 32 million children of primary school age remaining uneducated. Central and Eastern Asia, as well as the Pacific, are also severely affected by this problem with more than 27 million uneducated children. So of course children will groan but we should also say 'School' Thank God.

Jesus' place at a Banquet

When Jesus goes to a celebration he doesn't seem to look for the top table he seems to look more in the ordinary places to find congenial company with the person who goes for the lower places, with the person who hides behind the pillar, with the person hanging back to be invited somewhere. at the banquet of life he seems to sit with those who get the leftovers and enjoy their company. And he is teaching about heaven as he invites all to the banquet. we are welcomed by God for who we are, for what we have given, for what love we have created in life, and tried to give, even with Mistakes what God praises in us may surprise us: the simple moments where we have made a difference in the lives of others, and big moments where we have made our effort to help create a world according to the mind of God.



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Weekend Masses 24th & 25th August

Raheen: Saturday 24th August Mass at 7.30pm
Shanahoe: Sunday 25th August Mass at 9.30am.
Raheen: Sunday 25th August Mass at 11am.

- *Rose Marie Barry.*

Weekday Masses this Week

Raheen: Tuesday 27th August No Mass
Shanahoe: Wednesday 28th August No Mass
Raheen: Thursday 29th August Mass at 10am
Raheen: Friday 30th August Mass at 10am

Weekend Masses 31st Aug & 1st Sept

Raheen: Saturday Evening 31st Aug Mass at 7.30pm
 - *Oliver (Ollie) Dowling, Clonad (1st Anniversary)*
Shanahoe: Sunday Morning 1st Sept. Mass at 9.30am
 - *Jimmy Hiney, & deceased members of Hiney & Collins families.*
Raheen: Sunday Morning 1st Sept. Mass at 11.00am

- *Michael Kehoe, Derrykearn.*

Annual Church Gate Collection

For "The Fatima Invalid Fund" will be held at all Masses in Raheen Parish on Saturday 31st August & Sunday 1st September.
Please Support

Cemetery Masses 2019

Clonad on Wednesday 28th August at 7.30pm

Blessing of schoolbags will take place on Sat 31. August and Sunday 1. Sep

List of Gospel Readings For The Week:

Sat Aug 24th Jn 1:45-51
 Sun Aug 25th Lk - 13-22-30
 Mon Aug 26th Mt 23:13-22
 Tues Aug 27th Mt 23: 23-26



St. Thérèse -

Thérèse of Lisieux commented that, amidst the many spiritual athletes and strivers around her, she felt like a little helpless child, lifting her arms up and begging to be carried. The heavenly Father, like any good parent, could hardly resist such a sight, and thus she found herself lifted higher than the spiritual "giants"

LEGION OF MARY

The annual Young Adult Catholic Conference takes place in All Hallows College, Dublin on **Sat Aug 31st and Sun Sept 1st 2019**. This is a fantastic weekend packed full of interesting events for young Catholics. Prices range from €25-€50, accommodation also available. For further details visit our website <http://www.legionofmary-deusetpatria.com/> or contact **Lucy 087 9959803**.

Alpha Ireland Conference 2019; DISCOVER

Taking place in Abbeyleix Manor Hotel on 18th and 19th October. Keynote speaker is **Ron Huntley of Divine Renovation Ministries**, Ron has many years' experience in developing a dynamic, sustainable Catholic parish renewal model. The conference is designed for priests, parish teams, key church leaders, and lay people who want to see their parishes renewed and revitalised. Tickets are available on www.Alphaireland.org or by calling 01-2369821. Tickets from €45, buy four tickets and get fifth free.

Parish e-mail address is raheenparish@gmail.com

Thank you for your contributions to Parish Funds

17th & 18th August 2019

Raheen:
 Offertory Collection: €228.00
 Weekly Envelope: €342.00
 (27 houses)



Shanahoe:
 Offertory Collection: €145.00
 Weekly Envelope: €213.75
 (26 houses)

Tax Refund on Donations to Charitable Organisations

Letters have been distributed to parishioners who generously contributed in excess of €250 to our parish in 2018. Please complete and return the blue CHY3 form to the parish office. This will allow the parish to claim back a tax refund on your donation to the parish. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter. **Any queries feel welcome to contact Raheen Parish Office**

Baptism Dates-

October

Raheen: Sunday October 6th
Shanahoe: Sunday October 13th

November

Raheen: Sunday Nov 10th
Shanahoe: Sunday Nov. 17th
December: Raheen: Sunday Dec. 8th
Shanahoe: Sunday Dec 15th

National Grandparents Pilgrimage Sun Sept 8th, 2019 – Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm, Mass at 3pm followed by the Rosary. Celebrants: Bishop Kevin Doran of Elphin and Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okol