

Second Sunday of Lent (Year A) March 8. 2020

And they saw his glory

They saw his glory and were surprised. We see his glory all around us. And often do not notice it. And when we do notice it we are surprised.

Christ in the surprise of a January flower. Christ in the discovery of new love. Christ in the offering and welcoming of reconciliation. Christ in the tireless efforts of men and women of peace.

In the schoolroom in a city slum where a teacher for a low salary transform the lives of the poor who are God's favourites.

And they saw his glory

In the efforts to free those imprisoned unjustly by regimes which feed their own greed.

In the hours of listening in a marriage, in the time spent watching in love over a sick child, in caring for the sick, the lonely, the old, in all those times we go out of our own cares, big or small, to enter the cares of others

And they saw his glory: and in such moments we too see his glory.

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Colt GAA CLUB- Lotto Results
 28/02/2020
 Winning Numbers: 10-15-29
No Jackpot Winner:
 4 x '20: *Stephen Sinnott c/o Dan, Betty Dunne c/o Paddy, Sharon Fitzpatrick c/o Anne McDermot, Margaret McCarthy c/o M. Stackpool Next Weeks Jackpot €700*

Raheen Senior Citizen Party 2020
 in the Abbeyleix
 Manor Hotel on Sunday 29th
 March Keep the date free!

Rally for Life 2020
 The annual Rally for Life will take place on **Saturday 4th July at 2pm in Parnell Square, Dublin.**
 The Rally for Life is Irelands annual pro-life march in Dublin and is supported by pro-life groups from all over Ireland.
 Please go to www.rallyforlife.net for a full schedule of events, how to get there and how you can help make this Rally happen.

RAHEEN PARISH LOTTO RESULTS
Wed 4th March 2020 - Numbers 02-12-13-21
 NO €13,000 Jackpot Winner -
 118 Match 3s win €56 each No local Winner!
Next weeks Jackpot €14,000

Dancing in Abbeyleix Golf Club
 Every Sunday night - This Sunday night 8th March dancing to **"Michael Cahill"**

Whist Results Wed 4th March
 Top: Catherine Galvin. Lady 1: Mary Delaney.
 Lady 2: Bride Reilly. Gent 1: Mary Doheny.
 Gent 2: Liam McCartney and Billy O Keefe.
 Halves : PJ Cahill and Mary McCabe. Raffle :
 Bride Reilly, Billy O Keefe and Catherine Galvin...**Thanks for your support.**

SHANAHOE LADIES CLUB -
 DANCING FOR FITNESS AND FUN
 WILL CONTINUE FOR THE MONTH OF
 MARCH IN SHANAHOE HALL EVERY
 THURSDAY NIGHT 8PM TO 9PM.
COST €5 PER NIGHT. FORMER MEMBERS AND NON MEMBERS ARE VERY WELCOME.
YOU CAN JOIN IN ANY NIGHT.

Dates for 2020
Confirmation Day for Raheen Parish
 is on **Sat 28th March. Raheen** at **11am - Shanahoe** at **1pm**

First Holy Communion Day for Raheen Parish
 is on **Saturday 2nd May Raheen** at **11am - Shanahoe** at **1pm**

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This Weekend Masses 7th & 8th March

Raheen: Saturday 7th March. Mass at 7.30pm
 - *James Moffitt, Raheen (6th Anniv)*
 - *John Malone, Colt (2nd Anniv)*
 - *Johnny, Mary & Gerard Grace, Colt.*
Shanahoe: Sunday 8th March. Mass at 9.30am
 - *Lilly Kely, Lower Boley*



Thank you for your contributions

to Parish Funds



29th Feb & 2nd March 2020

Raheen:

Offertory Collection: €123.00

Weekly Envelope: €318.00

Shanahoe:

Offertory Collection: €174.63

Weekly Envelope: €209.50

Weekday Masses this Week

Raheen: Thursday 12th March Mass at 10am

Next Weekend Masses 14th & 15th March

Raheen: Saturday 14th March. Mass at 7.30pm
Shanahoe: Sunday 15th March. Mass at 9.30am.
Eileen Clooney Lower Boley.

Shanahoe: **Tuesday 17th March Mass at 9.30am**

Fintan Cuddy & his wife Margaret.



Raheen: **Tuesday 17th March Mass at 11am**

Stations of the Cross every Friday evening during Lent at 7pm.

All Welcome



Lectio Divina

Praying with the Sacred Scriptures each week during lent. Beginning Thurs 27th Feb and every Thurs from 8-9pm in Raheen Parish meeting room.

All welcome.

Gospel Readings For The Week:

Sat 7th Mar: Mt 5:43-48

Sun 8th Mar: Mt 17:1-9

Mon 9th Mar: Lk 6:36-38

Tues 10th Mar: Mt 23: 1-12

Wed 11th Mar: Mt 20:17-28

Thur 12th Mar: Lk 16:19-31

Fri 13th Mar: Mt 21:33-43,45-46

Sat 14th Mar: Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Trocaire Boxes will be available in each church when they arrive

Please take one.

THANK YOU

Parish Envelope Boxes - March 2020 to Feb 2021

Raheen Parish Finance Committee wish to sincerely thank all those who contributed so generously and faithfully to the Parish Collections during the past year.

Thank you especially for the Parish Envelope Collections. Contributions made in the Parish envelopes enable the parish to claim tax refunds for the parish on any total annual amounts over €250 at no additional cost to the person.

Also thank you for the Parish Offertory, Special Collections, Parish Lotto, Parish Clergy Fund, and other Parish Fundraising ventures.

It is all very much appreciated and we thank you all most sincerely. The new weekly envelopes boxes will be distributed this week.

Again to one and all thank you for your continued support and may God bless you and watch over you all in the coming year.

If you have not received your envelope box, please contact the parish office, in the mean time you can use any ordinary envelope putting your Name on the envelope, Boxes will also be available at the back of the Church if you do not receive yours in the next 10 days.

Please note your box number will be different from last year.

Parish Finance Committee

Coronavirus (Covid 19) Guidance for Religious Services - From the Bishop's House

We have this morning received from the HSE guidance in relation to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) which is now attached. I would appreciate if you would review same and take on as much of the relevant suggestions as possible.

In particular the following should be noted:-

- Suspend the sign of peace with immediate effect. A suggested wording at that time might be "Let us pray quietly in our hearts for peace at this time".
- Holy water fonts should be emptied and not used
- **Holy Communion should be administered into the hand only**, advise mass goers of this before communion is distributed. Everyone administering Holy Communion should wash their hands or use alcohol based hand gel before beginning.
- The practice of shaking hands on greeting and departure should be suspended.

BICENTENARY MISCELLANY

An old causeway known as St. Fintan's Road linked the churches of Cromogue and Clonenagh and its construction was said to have been instantaneous and of miraculous origin.