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St. Fintan's Parish - Raheen - NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday of Advent (Year A) December 8th 2019



He will make his home among us.

We need a place we call home; Where there is acceptance, a place we can just be ourselves. a place we can just be ourselves. Home is a place of family, friendship and faith. In the love of family, we find we can be ourselves, and relax into mystery of being loved for who we are and that is what home is. In the love of friendship we also find our home, accepted and affirmed for who we are, Loved for what is strong and weak within us. And in faith there is the love of God, accepting, affirming, forgiving all we are and need.

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Home is more than bricks and mortar, More than a garden and a house; More than a garden and a house; It is a place of warmth and acceptance. And Jesus said to many he met 'Today I want to stay in your house'. 'He makes his home within you, in the warmth of your heart and in the centre of your personality, bringing with him gifts of affirmation, affection, acceptance, and forgiveness.

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By Donal Neary SJ

Prayer for Advent - We have found often enough that the world can give us no peace. Let us experience this Advent that nothing in the world can take from us your peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Colt GAA CLUB- Lotto Results
06/12/2019

Winning Numbers: 01-28-30
NO Jackpot Winner:
 4 x '20: *Bkatie Grant Gilligan c/o M. Grant, Shona Walsh c/o E. Delaney, Josie McGill c/o Self, Peter Walsh c/o Sel*
Next Weeks Jackpot 3,100
Christmas Draw next week

-Senior Citizens Party -
 Thanks to all who supported the recent jam & tart sale. **€490** was raised in support of the Senior Citizens

Heywood Community School Christmas Carol Service
 A unique community celebration featuring the schools Sacred Choir, Traditional Irish Music Group and Soloists. The School Choir will sing a feast of beautiful Christmas Carols, old and new for all the family to sing and enjoy with seasonal readings and reflections. **St. Brigid's Church, Ballinakill on Thurs 12th Dec 2019 at 7.30 p.m.**

Raheen Community Alert -
 Will hold their A.G.M on **Sun 19th Jan at 3pm** in the afternoon.

RAHEEN PARISH LOTTO

Wednesday 4th Dec 2019
 Numbers: 02-14-29-32
NO €10,000 Jackpot Winner 8 match 3s win €125.
NEXT WEEKS' JACKPOT €11,000
NO local Winner.
Christmas & New Year Lotto Arrangements:
Wednesday 18th Dec will be final lotto draw for 2019.
First draw for 2020 will take place on Wed 8th Jan 2020.

RAHEEN LOTTO
 Gift Vouchers available in the Sacristy or contact any Lotto promoter.
 Half a year (25 draws) for €50
 Full year (50 draws) for €100
An ideal X-Mass present.

Whist Results 4th Dec '19
Top Score and Jackpot: Liam McCartney.
Lady 1: Bride Reilly. **Lady 2:** Nancy Dowling. **Gent 1:** Joe McEvoy. **Gent 2:** Mary Doherty. **Halves:** Louise Kavanagh and Catherine Galvin. **Consolation:** Sheila Fogarty. **Raffle:** Joe McEvoy, Lil Bennett, Nancy Dowling and Tom Lalor. **Thanks for your support. Christmas whist is on Wednesday 18th Dec at 8pm.**

Dancing in Abbeyleix Golf Club
 Every Sunday night.
 Come along - A great night assured.

Church Gate Collection -
 Will take place this weekend 7th & 8th Dec in aid of EPILEPSY IRELAND. Please support.

St. Fintan's Parish, Raheen, Abbeyleix, Co. Laois

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This Weekend Masses 7th & 8th Dec

Raheen: Saturday 7th Dec. Mass at 7.30pm

- Anne Phelan, Roskeilton also Nora Delaney, Roskeilton.

- Deceased members of Coit GAA.

- Joe & Nora McEvoy



Shanahoe: Sunday 8th Dec Mass at 9.30am

- John Delaney Shanahoe.

- Nora-Mae Heydon, (Moyno, Tipperary)

Thank you for your contributions to Parish Funds

1st Dec 2019

Raheen:

Offertory Collection: €623.00

Weekly Envelope: €378.85
(38 houses)



Shanahoe:

Offertory Collection: €161.30

Weekly Envelope: €133.30 (17

Weekday Masses this Week

Raheen: **Monday 8th Dec at 11am** -

Thursday 12th & Friday 13th December
Mass at **10am**

Next Weekend Masses 14th & 15th Dec

Raheen: Saturday 14th Dec. Mass at 7.30pm

John & Mary O'Connor, Tarbert.



Jimmy & Maude Palmer, Coole.

Shanahoe: Sunday 15th Dec. Mass at 9.30am

Paddy McEvoy & Dan McEvoy.

**RAHEEN Communion to the sick
on Thursday 12th Dec.
Beginning at 11am**



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Because the 8th of December is the Second Sunday of Advent the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Monday 9th December this year.

While it being a Feast Day it is not a Holy day of obligation this year. **Mass will be on Monday morning at 11am in Raheen Church**



Parish Christmas Draw

RAFFLE in aid of parish funds on **Saturday 21st December after evening Mass in Raheen.** Numerous hampers to be won. Tickets are available from members of the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Committee. Anyone else who would like to help sell tickets, please collect the tickets in the Church Sacristies. Donations of prizes would be gratefully received and can be left in at the Sacristy in both churches before or after Mass. Your support for this Christmas Draw would be very much appreciated.



Confessions Before Christmas

Abbeyleix: Sat 14th at **6pm.**

Raheen: Sat 14th after the **7.30pm Mass**
Some visiting Priests will be available.

Also during Advent the Priest will be available after the weekend Masses for confessions.



List of Gospel Readings For The Week:

Sat Dec 7th Mt 9:35-10:1. 6-8 Wed Dec 11th Mt 11:28-30

Sun Dec 8th Mt 3:1-12

Mon Dec 9th Lk 1:26-38

Tues Dec 10th Mt 18:12-14

Wed Dec 11th Mt 11:28-30

Thurs Dec 12th Mt 11:11-15

Fri Dec 13th Mt 11:16-19

Sat Dec 13th Mt 17:10-13



Baptism Dates

Raheen: Sunday Jan 12th & Feb 9th & March 1st - 2020

Shanahoe: Sunday Jan 19th & Feb 16th & March 8th - 2020



Papal Prayer Intention for December

It is estimated that some 200 million children all over the world live or work on the streets. In a world of violence, hunger and abuse these children have to use any means they can to survive. At worst this might include prostitution, carrying drugs or pick pocketing. This month Pope Francis invites us share the Papal Prayer Intention, "...That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering."



Visit The Holy Land in 2020 -

11 day trip to the Holy Land in November 2020 with Fr. Brian Kavanagh. €1850 pps.. Contact Fr. Brian at **087-6162675** for more info