

St. Fintan's Parish - Raheen - NEWSLETTER

The Presentation Of The Lord (Year A) February 2nd 2020



Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in today's liturgy.

According to the 1962 Missal of St. John XXIII the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, today is referred to as the "Purification of Mary." This is known as a "Christmas feast" since it points back to the Solemnity of Christmas. Many Catholics practice the tradition of keeping out the Nativity creche or other Christmas decorations until this feast.

Presentation of the Lord

The feast was first observed in the Eastern Church as "The Encounter." In the sixth century, it began to be observed in the West: in Rome with a more penitential character and in Gaul (France) with solemn blessings and processions of candles, popularly known as "Candlemas." The Presentation of the Lord concludes the celebration of the Nativity and with the offerings of the Virgin Mother and the prophecy of Simeon, the events now point toward Easter.



"In obedience to the Old Law, the Lord Jesus, the first-born, was presented in the Temple by his Blessed Mother and his foster father. This is another 'epiphany' celebration insofar as the

Christ Child is revealed as the Messiah through the canticle and words of Simeon and the testimony of Anna the prophetess. Christ is the light of the nations, hence the blessing and procession of candles on this day. In the Middle Ages this feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or 'Candlemas,' was of great importance.

Colt GAA CLUB- Lotto Results

24/1/2020

Winning Numbers: 05-15-25

NO Jackpot Winner:

4 x '20: Michael Grant c/o T.

Brennan, Bobby Hasim c/o M.

Dowling, Michael Dooley c/o Self,

Darren Brennan c/o T. Brennan

Next Weeks Jackpot 4,000

Sincere Thank You

The Lalor family together with the Irish kidney association would like to thank all those whom donated to the coffee morning. With your generosity we raised €963. Your support was greatly appreciated. Thank you once again!

DANCING FOR FITNESS AND FUN -

Due to popular demand Shanahoe Ladies Club have decided to continue **DANCING FOR FITNESS AND FUN** in Shanahoe Hall every Thurs night for the months of Feb and March from 8pm - 9pm. **Cost €5 per night.**

Former members and non members are very welcome. **You can join in any night.**

Thank you to everyone for participating in our Operation Transformation Walk last weekend, we will be meeting on the 1st Sunday of every month for a gently walk and will pop into the hall afterwards for a cuppa and a chat. All are welcome to come along. €2 donation for the hall
 Our 1st meeting will be Sunday Feb 2nd at 10.30am

RAHEEN PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

Wed 29th Jan 2020 - Numbers 11-20-24-28

NO €11,000 Jackpot Winner -

10 Match 3s win €100 each **No local Winner**

Whist Results - Wed 29th Jan

Top: Tom Lalor. Lady 1: Maura McQuillan. Lady 2: Nancy Dowling Gent 1: Sean Fitzpatrick. Gent 2: PJ Cahill and Billy O Keefe. Halves: Bernie Cahill and Paul Kavanagh. Raffle:-Paul Kavanagh(2) and Sheila Fogarty(2). Thanks for your support and €90 was given to ALMAS and parish funds for January. Whist continues at 8pm on Wednesdays.

Dancing in Abbeyleix Golf Club

Every Sunday night .
 Come along - A great night assured.

TABLE QUIZ

Raheen vintage club annual table quiz takes place on **Friday 7th February at 8:30pm** in **Delaneys Pub Ballyroan** in aid of Raheen Senior Citizens party. €40 per table. Raffle on the night.

Shanahoe N.S

We are now enrolling for the coming school year 2020. For any inquiries or to arrange a visit please contact us on (057) 8739715. An enrolment form can be downloaded from our website (www.shanahoens.ie) alternatively you can call into the school or email us on shanahoens@gmail.com.

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BICENTENARY MISCELLANY

The foundation stone of St. Brigid's Church, Shanahoe was blessed and laid on the feast of St. Brigid, 1st February, 1967 by Dr. Patrick Lennon, Auxiliary Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin

Next Weekend Masses 1st & 2nd Feb

Raheen: Saturday 1st Feb. Mass at 7.30pm
 - Anthony Sinnott, Cramogue

Shanahoe: Sunday 2nd Feb. Mass at 9.30am
 - Mary Joe McDonald (Months Mind)
 - Margaret & William O' Toole, Boley.

Weekday Masses this Week

Raheen: Monday 3rd Feb Mass at 7.30pm.
 (Followed by the Blessing of the Throats).

Raheen: Thurs. 6th February Mass at 10am
 (Visiting the sick beginning at 11am)

Raheen: Friday 7th February Mass at 10am

Blessing of Throats - The Blessing of St. Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick. Using two crossed and unlighted candles, blessed on the memorial of St. Blaise or on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, the minister touches the throat of each person, saying "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, May God deliver you from all ailments of the throat and from every other evil (or from every disease of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen



Next Weekend Masses 8th & 9th February

Raheen: Saturday 8th February Mass at 7.30pm
 - Kitty Butler, Raheen.
 - Nan Mulhall, Bawnree (2nd Anniversary) also Jack & deceased members of Mulhall family.

Shanahoe: Sunday 9th February Mass at 9.30am
 - Jimmy Kavanagh, Shanahoe also his sister Brigid and deceased family members.

Thank you for your contributions to Parish Funds

24th / 25th Jan 2020

Raheen:

Offertory Collection: €206.50
 Weekly Envelope: €469.70
 (21 houses)



Shanahoe:

Offertory Collection: €205.00
 Weekly Envelope: €81.50 (11 houses)

Lectio Divine

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 most welcome.

List of Gospel Readings For The Week:

Sat Feb 1st Lk 6:32-38
 Sun Feb 2nd Lk 2:22-40
 Mon Feb 3rd Mk 5:01-20
 Tues Feb 4th Mk 5:21-43



Wed Feb 5th Mk 6:1-6

Thurs Feb 6th Mk: 6:7-13

Fri Feb 7th Mk 6:14-29

Sat Feb 8th Mk Lk: 6:30-34

Baptism Dates

Raheen: Sunday Feb 9th & March 1st
Shanahoe: Sunday Feb 16th & March 8th
 Please give 3 weeks notice to the Parish Office

Shanahoe Church Cleaning
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Cleaners for January
Christine Cahill & Kxy O'Connor

• **Missions** Fr George Augustine has been appointed Mission Director of the Diocese and is arranging a meeting in Newbridge Parish Centre on 14th February at 7pm. This meeting will be focused on how we best support the missions and also to form mission teams, Bishop Denis will be in attendance. Priests are asked to highlight this at Masses and are also encouraged to send at least 2 representatives to the meeting. Details of attendees to be given to Bishops House by 5th February.

Youth 2000

The Annual St Valentines fundraiser Ball takes place in **The Osprey Hotel, Naas on the 8th of February**. Mass at 5pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane followed by dinner at 7pm. Tickets €50. Booking and more information available at <http://youth2000.ie/youth-2000-st-valentines-fundraising-ball-2020/>

Raheen Community Alert

Held there A.G.M on **Sunday 19th Jan**. Thanks to all who attended and a public meeting will be held soon re your views on C.C.T.V for the areas under Raheen Community Alert. **Officers elected for 2020.**
Chairperson: Kevin Lalor Fitzpatrick. **Vice C. P / Social Media:** Eddie Moffitt, Secretary: John Oxley, Treasurer: Anne Tynan. **Area reps will be announced next week. "Keep our areas crime free " BE ALERT**

Mission Appeal

Sr. Nuala of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary will visit Raheen parish on the weekend of 22nd & 23rd February and speak at the Masses.
 Your hospitality and support will be greatly appreciated.