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### **RABEEN PARISH LOTTO RESULTS**

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020 - Numbers 02-04-05-29**

**NO €12,000 Jackpot Winner -**

14 Match 3s win €72 each One local Winner:

Mary Delaney c/o Self

**Next weeks Jackpot €13,000**

### **Dancing in Abbeyleix Golf Club**

Every Sunday night - This Sunday night  
1ST March dancing to "Pat Daly"

### **Easter Sunday Dawn Mass**

As part of our Bicentenary celebrations  
a Dawn Mass will be celebrated at 6am  
on Easter Sunday at the site of the Mass

Rock in Raheen (opposite the old  
school). **All are welcome for this very  
special occasion in our parish.**

### **PORTLAOISE ANNUAL NOVENA**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb - Sat 7<sup>th</sup> March**

**Novena Masses**

**Weekday**

**7am, 10am, 7.30pm**

**Saturday 10am and**

**6.30pm - Sunday**

**11.15am and**

**12.30pm.**

**See portlaoise parish website  
for speakers.**

[portlaoiseparish.ie/newsletter](http://portlaoiseparish.ie/newsletter)

# **St. Fintan's Parish - Raheen - NEWSLETTER**

**First Sunday of Lent (Year A) March 1-2020**

## **The Spirit of God**

The Spirit of God tells us that we should fast,  
because it will awaken us to our own poverty

and to the many millions of people  
who do not have enough to eat

The Spirit of God calls us in the sea-  
son of Len to renew our baptismal promise  
to live a Christian life of faith, hope and love.

The Spirit of God reminds us that we are responsible for every-  
one, everywhere, until the end of time.

The Spirit of God challenges us  
to live a life of forgiveness,  
for this is the only way to be set free  
from the overwhelming power of sin.

The Spirit of God whispers in our hearts  
that wealth and appearance,

Background and prestige are not important  
- everyone is worthwhile, lovable and to be cherished simply  
because they are alive.

The Spirit of God embraces the sick and the handicapped, for  
people who are deeply aware of their limitations are often the peo-  
ple who are most alive,

The Spirit of God believes that the great spirit of life is not  
quenched in death

But is transformed into a new and deeper life.



### **Colt GAA CLUB- Lotto Results**

21/02/2020

Winning Numbers: 04-05-29

**No Jackpot Winner:**

4 x '20: P.J. Peacock c/o B. Keegan,  
Pat Grant c/o M.Stackpool, Jane  
Lyons c/o M. Grant, Padraig Dunne  
c/o P **Next Weeks Jackpot 500**

### **Raheen Senior Citizen Party 2020**

in the Abbeyleix

Manor Hotel on Sunday

29<sup>th</sup> March

Keep the date free!!



### **Baptism Dates**

**Raheen: Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Shanahoe: Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>**

Please give 3 weeks notice to the  
Parish Office

### **• 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](http://www.rallyforlife.net) for  
a full schedule of events, how to get  
there and how you can help make  
this Rally happen.

**Trocaire Boxes will be  
available in each  
church when they arrive  
Please take one.  
THANK YOU**



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

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### This end Masses 29th Feb & 1st March

Raheen: Saturday 29th Feb. Mass at 7.30pm

- Patrick & Sarah O' Connor, Roskelton.

- Kate Byrne, Mount Eagle

Shanahoe: Sunday 1st March. Mass at 9.30am.

- Jim & Sarah Delaney.

### Weekday Masses this Week

Shanahoe: Wed 4th March Mass at 10am

Raheen: Thursday 5th March Mass at 10am

Raheen: Friday 6th March Mass at 10am

### Next 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

- Lily Kelly, Lower Boley

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

**All Welcome**



Thank you for your contributions  
to Parish Funds

22nd / 23rd Feb 2020

Raheen:

Offertory Collection: €202.25

Weekly Envelope: €426.00

Shanahoe:

Offertory Collection: €277.00

Weekly Envelope: €135.50

### **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.**

### **Communion Calls for the Sick**

**SHANAHOE:** Wednesday Morning:

4th March beginning at **11am**

**RAHEEN:** Thursday Morning; 5th

March beginning at **11am**

### **Pro Life talk**

**Speakers:** Carol Nolan and Michael  
Dwyer from Family & Life. Thursday  
March 5th at 7:30pm at Portlaoise  
Parish Centre in the Campur Room.

All welcome!

### **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** Prior to the division of Clonenagh Parish, the earliest records show that the Parish Priest from 1690 to 1712 was Fr. James Dwiginn who lived at Doon near Raheen. Doon was the property of the Baldwin family.