

**Celebrating Catholic Schools Week 2017** 29<sup>th</sup> January – 5 February.

29<sup>th</sup> January, 2017



**Our Common Home** 

We are asked to think about how we can **care** for our common home. God gave us the earth and the earth gives us many gifts which help us to live. It gives us water, food and energy. It gives us so much to help us care for ourselves, but Pope Francis asks us to think about how we can care for the earth. We can try to use only what we need and try to live our lives in ways that help the earth. We can do this by wasting less water and caring for plants and animals. The care we give the earth shows god how much we love him and the beautiful home he has given us.

Lord help us to care for our common home.

We are asked think about how we can **protect** our common home. God has entrusted us with the care of the earth. We can protect and care for our home in all we do each day, for example, by reducing our rubbish, recycling and using the resources of our world carefully. We pray that God will give us the courage to make changes in how we treat and use the resources of our home so that every creature on earth can see the beauty of his creation and come to know their responsibility to be a steward of the earth.

We pray that we may all work to protect our common home.

We are asked to think about how we can **share** our common home. Our world is a gift to all who live here: the people, the animals and the plants. Our world is not always shared equally: there are people who have no home, no food or water; people forced to leave the place they live because of war, natural disasters, famine or drought; plants and animals treated cruelly. In the letter he wrote to us, Pope Francis told us that 'we must share with others'. This reminds us of the words of Jesus, who told us to love one another, to be kind and caring. To show God how much we love him and how thankful we are for the home he has given us, we have to work to share our home equally with all who live here. *Lord help us to share our common home.* 

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# The Parish of Mungret & Crecora & Raheen

## TIMES OF MASSES IN THE PARISH

Raheen: Vigil 6 pm Sunday 11 a.m.& 12.30 pm. Mon - Fri 10 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration: Fri 10.30 am – 10 p.m. Crecora: .Sunday 10 a.m. Tue. Wed. Thurs. 9.15 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday to 12 noon & 6p.m–10 p.m. Mungret: Sunday 11.30 a.m. Wed. Friday 9.30 a.m. Sat. 11.30 am Eucharistic Adoration: Wed (10am–12 noon). \*\*\*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Millennium Centre on Fri next 3<sup>rd</sup> February\*\*\*\*\*

#### Mass Times & Intentions 28<sup>t</sup> /29<sup>th</sup> Jan. Raheen:

- 6 p.m. Vincent Donnelly (A) & Sarah Togher (Brithday Remembrance)
- 11 a.m. Nuala Murphy (A) &
- Tom O'Dowd (A) 12.30 pm Pauline Markham (A) & Ogie Barrett (months mind).

#### Crecora:

- 10 a.m. Daniel, Denis & Rita O'Sullivan (A) **Mungret**:
- Sat. 11.30 Perpetual Novena
- Sun 11.30am Nora Daly (A) &
  - Maureen Cusack (A)

## Week ahead: 30<sup>th</sup> Jan/3<sup>rd</sup> Feb.

## Raheen:

- Mon 10 am Pro Populo. Tues 10 a.m. Gerard & Eileen O'Malley (A) Wed 10am P.J.Griffin (A) Thurs:10am
- Fri: 10am Purgitorial.

### Mungret:

Wed. Special Intention. Mass Intentions 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Feb.

## Raheen:

6p.m. Gerard Dundon (A)
11 a.m. Catherine O'Riordan (A)
12.30 p.m Denis & Eileen O'Neill (A)
Crecora:
10 am Kathleen Roche (A) & Frank, Bridget & Nuala McDermot (A)
Mungret:
Sun 11.30 Lil Dillon (A)

#### Feast Days this Coming Week:

**1 St. Feb - St. Brigid:** St. Brigid is renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. She was born c. 454. When she was young her father wished to make a very suitable marriage for her but she insisted in consecrating her virginity to God. She received the veil and spiritual formation probably from St. Mel in Ardagh. **Padre Pio Devotions:** Wed. Mass & Prayers in Mungret Church 9.30am. 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb - Presentation of the Lord – *World Day for Consecrated Life.* This Feast is a remembrance of the Lord and Mary, mother of the Lord. Candles will be blessed for home use and church use at the morning Raheen and Crecora.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Feb – St. Blaize – Blessing of throats.** 'Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from all ailments of the throad and from every other illness, *In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy spirit. Amen.* 

**Pray for the Pope Intentions February 2017:** *Comfort the Afflicted* That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees and the marginalised, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

**First Friday:** Priest will visit the sick and housebound. Any person sick or housebound who would like a visit and are not already on the list, please contact any of priests.

**Baptismal Preparation Meeting:** Thursday next 2nd February at 7.30 p.m. in the Millennium Centre, Raheen. Parents are encouraged to attend this meeting in preparation for the Baptism of their child.

Eucharistic Ministers Rota available in the Sacristy. Please collect.

Medjugorje 2017: 17<sup>th</sup> May – Departing from Shannon €619. €100 deposit secures €619, after 1<sup>st</sup> February price of €699 applies. Contact Ernine McDermott 061-227944

**Limerick City I.C.A. Guild** will hold their next meeting on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>. Feb. in the Millennium Centre, Raheen. New members welcome.

**St. Nessan's N.S.** Reminder : Closing date for receipt of completed applications for Junior Infants (September 2017) is Monday 6th February @ 12 Noon. No applications will be processed after this date.

**Catholic Schools Week** - Jan 29-Feb4: Catholic Schools Week is an annual all-Ireland celebration which invites schools to give expression in an exceptional way to the ethos of Catholic education. At the 6 p.m. Mass on Saturday and 11 a.m. Mass Sunday, the Confirmation candidates will participate in the Theme 'Care for our Common Home'.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7.30 p.m. in the South Court Hotel, Raheen, to discuss the Parish Pastoral Council and how it will engage with the Diocesan Pastoral Plan and the implications of the Synod. This meeting will be lead by Fr. Eamonn Fitzgibbon.

**Parkinson's Association Ireland:** Church-gate Collection will take place in Raheen this weekend in aid of the Parkinson's Association.