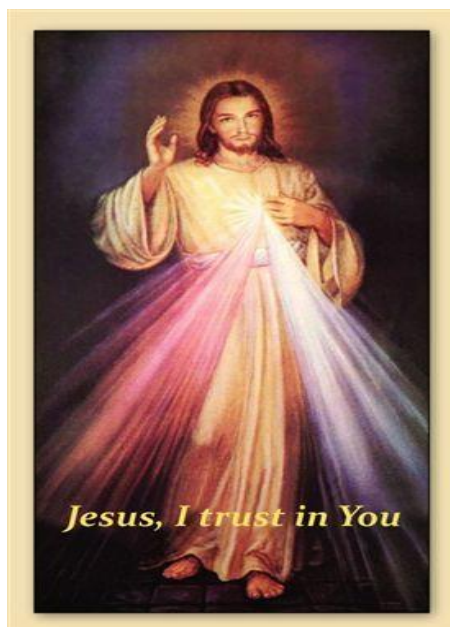




The Parish of Mungret ✠ Crecora ✠ Raheen

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

23rd April, 2017.



Living the Mystery of the Divine Mercy

Every year in celebrating Easter we relive the experience of the first disciples of Jesus, the experience of the encounter with him Risen: the Gospel of John tells that they saw him appear in their midst in the Upper Room on the evening of the very day of the Resurrection, *the first day of the week*, and subsequently eight days later (Jn 20:19,26). That day, later called *the Lord's Day*, was the day of the assembly of the Christian community which gathered for its own devotion, that is, to the Eucharist, a new form of worship which from the outset differed from the Judaic worship of the Sabbath. Indeed, the celebration of the Lord's Day is very strong proof of Christ's Resurrection, for only an extraordinary and overwhelming event could have induced the first Christians to begin a form of worship that differed with regard to the Jewish Sabbath.

The "peace" that Jesus gives to his friends is the fruit of the love of God which led him to die on the cross, to pour out all his Blood, as a meek and humble lamb *full of grace and truth* (Jn 1:14).

For this reason Bless John Paul II chose to call this Sunday after Easter Divine Mercy, with a very specific image: that of Jesus' pierced side from which blood and water flowed, according to the account of an eyewitness, the Apostle John (cf. Jn 19:34-37). However Jesus is now Risen and the Paschal sacraments of baptism and the Eucharist flow from him, who is alive: those who receive them with faith receive the gift of eternal life. Pope Benedict XVI

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MASS TIMES IN THE PARISH : Raheen: Vigil 6pm Sun 11am & 12.30 pm. Mon to Fri 10am Eucharistic Adoration 10.30am-10pm

Crecora: Sunday 10 a.m. Tue.Wed.Thurs 9.15am. Eucharistic Adoration: Thurs to 12noon & 6p.m. - 10 pm

Mungret: Sunday 11.30 a.m. Wed. & Fri 9.30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration: Wed 10am-12 noon.

Devotions for Divine Mercy Sunday will take place in Raheen Church at 3 p.m. this Sunday to include recitation of the Chaplet, Stations of the Cross, Veneration of the Divine Image, Adoration, Blessing of the Sick and Confession.

Mass Times 22nd/23rd April Raheen:

Raheen: Pray for Meadhbh Harney R.I.P.
6 p.m. Patrick O'Connor (A)
& Matthew Hynes (A)
11. a.m. Tom O'Shaughnessy (Months Mind)
12.30 pm Teresa Eaton (A)
& Ken Hanley (A)
3 – 4 p.m. Divine Mercy Devotions and Adoration.

Crecora: Michael & Cathy O'Dea (A)

Week ahead: 24th – 28th April April.

Raheen

Mon 10 a.m. Pro Pop
Friday 10 a.m. Regina Glennon (A)
& Geraldine Mullane (A)

Mungret:

Wednesday: Wm & Mgt O'Donoghue (A)

Weekend 29th-30th April

Raheen:

6 p.m. Regina Long (1st A)
& Michael Cantillon (Months Mind)
11 a.m. Seamus & Irene McCarthy (A)
12.30 p.m. Michael & Patrick Kirby (A)
Crecora: Lena Kirby & Frances Toomey (A)

Mungret:

Saturday: Anne Cope & Mary O'Brien (A)

Diocesan Needs Collection will be taken up this Sunday at all Masses. Basket will be sent around after communion. Some parishioners were kind enough to send in their envelope last week. Thank you.

Trócaire': If you have been using a Trócaire box, you are asked to convert the contents of the box into notes or cheque and use the blue 'Trócaire' envelope which was in the 'Trócaire' pack you received. If you have a box of weekly envelopes, there is a special Trocaire envelope in your box, if not write Trocaire one.

Easter Dues: The Parish Clergy wish to thank you for the Easter Dues and very much appreciate your generosity. Mass is offered each Monday for your intentions. Thank you.

Maranatha Prayer Ministry invites you to our Maranatha Healing Retreat on next Sunday, 30th April, 2017 at 2.30pm at St. Pauls Church, Dooradoyle, Limerick. Tea after in hall.

Easter greetings on this Divine Mercy Sunday! Bishop Brendan

I write to let you know that I have asked that, on the morning of Tuesday, April 25th, a day when priests will be away on important in-service formation, every parish in the Diocese of Limerick should host a lay-led Liturgy of the Word. It will be led by parishioners who have attended formation and are using agreed diocesan resources. Information leaflets are available at the back of the Church. I am grateful to lay people who have engaged in the preparation for this initiative.

In promoting this initiative of lay-led public prayer, I am conscious that our Diocesan Synod strongly encouraged formation in lay-led liturgies. As we move forward, we need to prepare for a time when, even though priests are not available, each local community will be prepared to arrange for moments of public prayers for various occasions. No parish should find itself deprived or ill prepared for public lay-led prayers. Each parish should be able to say with confidence, "When we needed to gather together and pray, we were able to".

Divine Mercy Prayers.

Most Merciful Jesus, whose very nature it is to have compassion on us and to forgive us, do not look upon our sins but upon our trust which we place in Your infinite goodness. Receive us all into the abode of Your Most Compassionate Heart, and never let us escape from It. We beg this of You by Your love which unites You to the Father and the Holy Spirit. Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon all mankind and especially upon poor sinners, all enfolded in the Most Compassionate Heart of Jesus. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion show us Your mercy, that we may praise the omnipotence of Your mercy for ever and ever. Amen.

The 3 o'clock Prayer of Divine Mercy (recited daily)

You expired, O Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls and an ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.

O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You. Amen.

Barrington's Hospital Great Limerick Run – Sunday 30th April, 2017.

Due to the size of the event, certain road closures and parking restrictions will be put in place across the race routes. Starting in Pery Square there will be 3 Race starts. 9 a.m. 10.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. **See notice board. or check out www.greatlimerickrun.com Phone 061- 609627.**