



# The Annunciation Times

## Church of the Annunciation, Rathfarnham

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Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time 25th July 2021

### Contact details:

Rathfarnham is one of three parishes grouped together; our sister parishes are Ballyroan and Churchtown.

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**Registered Charity Number:** 20016166

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil 6:45pm**

**Sunday Morning:**

**8.30am (Irish Mass), 9.30am, 10.45am & 12pm**

**Working Holy Days:**

**Vigil: 7:30pm. Morning: 10:00am**

**Evening: 7:30pm**

**Weekdays: Monday. to Friday 10:00am**

**Saturdays & Bank Holidays: 11:00am**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: Postponed until further notice**

**Baptisms: Postponed due to Covid 19 Church restrictions**

### Parish Update:

We are happy to report that Father Michael is doing well after his recent surgery. It will be sometime however before Michael is back with us. We have managed to secure support from 2 priests, Fr. Tim Lehane and Fr. Liam Dunne for the coming weeks and to whom we are very grateful. It will not however be possible for us to continue with the current schedule of Masses. As and from Sunday the 1st of August 2021 the mass times will be as follows:

- 10am Weekday and 11am (The only Mass at this time in our grouping) & 6.45pm Saturday Masses to continue as is at present.
- Sunday Masses will be at 8:30am (Irish), 9.30am and 10:45am. There will be no 12:00pm Noon Mass but it is available in Churchtown at this time.

These arrangements will be in place until further notice.

We are very conscious that the loss of the 12 o'clock Mass will put pressure on numbers at the other Masses. Unfortunately, this is the position we currently find ourselves in and we need to be mindful that the availability of priests to continue with our normal schedule of Masses will be an ongoing issue for the future. We are still currently restricted to 50 attendees at each Mass and as always it is on a first come basis.

**Mass will continue to be available on our website and there continues to be no obligation to attend Mass during the current restrictions.**

We are also very conscious of the large number of parishioners awaiting the celebration of the Sacraments of First Communion, Confirmation and Baptism and we are resolved to deal with this as soon as it is safe to do so, and when we have both Diocesan and Government approval.

Hopefully as the pandemic subsides some semblance of normal parish life can return, and we will need to relaunch our parish - groups and activities and we are committed to doing that.

We thank you for your understanding and the support of very many of you at this time.

**Fr. Martin Cosgrove**

Moderator of the Rathfarnham Grouping of Parishes

**Maurice Priestley**

Chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council.

Week of 26th July — 1st August 2021

**Monday: Special Intention**

**Tuesday: No Intention**

**Wednesday: No Intention**

**Thursday: No Intention**

**Friday: No Intention**

**Saturday:**

**11am: Mary Donnelly (1st A)**

**Vigil mass for Sunday:**

**6.45pm: No Intention**

**Sunday :**

**8.30am: Mary Kennedy (A)**

**9.30am: Daniel Murphy (4th A)**

**10.45am: Maureen Reason (A)**

**12:00pm: Patrick Cahill (1st A)**

**Mary Ellen King (A)**

**Thomas & Agnes Lambert (A)**

*(A) Anniversary*

*(1st A) First Anniversary*

*(M/M) ~ Months Mind*

*(R.D.) Recently Deceased*

*(B. Rem) ~ Birthday Remembrance*

*(I) Illness*

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Mass Intentions



The Lord is aware of all that we have been through in this time. He is close to those who felt isolated and alone, feelings that became more acute during the pandemic. He is not indifferent to this. #IamWithYouAlways @Pontifex  
23rd July 2021



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The Deep End: Gift of love

We meet Jesus today in a situation of need. The crowds have followed him and they are hungry. Jesus challenges his disciples to provide a meal for them. When they object that they don't have enough money, and only a tiny amount of food, Jesus uses what they have to pull off a remarkable feat (and feast).

For us, this Gospel might bring to mind the situation of migrants and asylum-seekers who experience hunger and hardship today. We are left in no doubt about our obligation to protect and care for those in need, just as Jesus provided for the hungry crowds. This feeding account also has the elements of a Eucharistic meal, with Jesus taking the food, giving thanks, and distributing it to everyone. Jesus doesn't produce this meal from nothing, but transforms what the disciples provide into a blessing for many.

Sharing in Eucharist means sharing our resources. It means ensuring people are not left to fend for themselves in crisis situations. When we receive the body of Jesus, it is a gift of love. But if we do not give and love in return, we are wasting the gift. Where people are in need, it is our responsibility, as followers of Jesus, to share and to provide. God will provide beyond our imagining, no matter how little we think we have to give, but we are invited to take the first step.

'If there is hunger anywhere in the world, then our celebration of the Eucharist is somehow incomplete everywhere in the world... We cannot properly receive the Bread of Life unless at the same time we give the bread of life to those in need wherever and whoever they may be.' (Pedro Arrupe SJ)

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PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness,

You are my hope and my confidence,

You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth!

I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life.

I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me.

I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me.

Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations.

Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended.

Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age.

Amen.