

Week of: 18th January — 24th January 2025

Saturday: January 18th

11.00am: Funeral

Vigil Mass for Sunday

6.45pm: Aidan Martin (M.M.)
Ronan Flynn (10th A)

Sunday

8.30am: Gillian & Aodhán Brioscú (A)

9.30am: Mary McArdle (10th A)
Vincent & Bobbie Norton (A)

11.30am: Jenny Carton (M.M.)
Bridget Hanratty (16th A)
Seamus Tallon (A)
Mary Twomey (6th A)
Monica Hatton (3rd A)
Mary & John Malone (A)
Gregory O'Connor (4thA)

Monday 10am: No Intention

Tuesday 10am: No Intention

Wednesday 10am: No Intention

Thursday 10am: No Intention

Friday 10am: James & Hannah Casey (A)

(1st A) First Anniversary
(M/M) Months Mind
(R.D.) Recently Deceased
(B. Rem) Birthday Remembrance
(I) Illness

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Do This in Memory Mass

The 6.45pm Mass next Saturday January 25th will be a Do This In Memory Mass for the Children and Families preparing for First Communion.

Church Gate Collection this weekend

The church gate collection this weekend is in aid of the Rathfarnham St. Vincent De Paul. All donations are greatly appreciated.

GODLY PLAY IRELAND

3 day
Commuter
Core Training



Godly Play is a form of spiritual accompaniment for children using a unique method of storytelling which allows children to wonder about the presence of God in their lives. Godly Play Ireland is offering a core training course aimed at commuters in Dublin and surrounding counties over three Saturdays.

WHERE?

Mater Dei Centre for
Catholic Education, DCU St
Patrick's Campus, Dublin 9.

WHEN?

25th January, 2025*
8th February, 2025*
22nd February, 2025*

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. each day
*You must be able to attend all
three days and bring your own
lunch. Tea/coffee provided.

COST?

€300

REGISTER NOW
EMAIL:
GODLYPLAYIRELAND@GMAIL.COM

Women's Shed AGM & Bridge

The AGM of the Women's shed will be held in the Parish Centre at 12pm on Thursday the 30th of January. All past and present members are welcome.

Women's Shed Bridge will be held every Monday from 10.30am—12.30pm in the Church of Ireland Rathfarnham Parish Hall. Regular Bridge players welcome but please note this is not a beginners class.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

18th – 25th January

The Christian Unity Service will be held today Sunday 19th January at 3.30pm in the Divine Word Parish, Marley Grange.

This is our annual opportunity to pray together for the gift of Christian Unity, that the prayer of Christ "that they all may be one" be truly realised.



LORETO HIGH SCHOOL BEAUFORT 1ST YEAR SHOWCASE EVENING

Thursday January 23rd 25
for
Incoming & Prospective
Students & Parents
7-9pm
Talk, Tour & Tea

Phone: 01 4933251 or Email: info@loretohighschool.com for further details.

Seek truth, love what is good, strive for excellence.
-Teresa Ball

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK 2025

The theme for this year is 'Alive in Christ.'

Reflecting on the theme, Catholic Schools will explore what it means to be fully alive as a human being – living life to the full in Christ. Sensitive to the age appropriateness of the various classes and years, the theme will explore how we exist for one another in Christ, building from the wellbeing of the individual, extending the notion of true wellbeing to others, to our families and communities, and to The Other, in God. The theme will mediate on hope, the true purpose and meaning of human life, and, in the more senior years, on true freedom.

Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina has resumed and is held every Thursday at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. At Lectio we look at life through the lens of the Gospel and how God speaks to each individual through the message of the Gospel. We listen, share, meditate and pray to enable us live more fully the Gospel message. All are welcome.



The Annunciation Times

Church of the Annunciation, Rathfarnham

www.rathfarnhamparish.ie

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C Sunday January 19th 2025

Contact details:

Rathfarnham is one of six parishes in partnership together; the parishes are Ballyroan, Churchtown, Ballyboden, Knocklyon and Marley Grange.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 6:45pm

Sunday Morning: 8.30am (Irish Mass), 9.30am & 11.30am

Working Holy Days: Morning: 10:00am

Evening: 7:30pm Vigil: 7:30pm.

Weekdays: Monday to Friday 10:00am

Saturdays & Bank Holidays: 11:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: On Saturdays after 11am Mass & before the 6.45pm Mass

Baptisms: 1st and 3rd Saturday of the Month.

**NOW TAKING BAPTISM BOOKINGS FOR
MARCH 2025 ONWARDS**

Gospel Reflection:

This Sunday we begin the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. For many Sundays in this lectionary cycle (Cycle C), our readings will be taken from the Gospel of Luke. Occasionally, however, we will read from John's Gospel. This is true of today's Gospel reading, which describes the beginning of Jesus' ministry and his first miracle.

To situate today's reading within the context of John's Gospel, we note that John's report of this event follows Jesus' call of his first disciples. John tells us that Jesus and his disciples were invited to this wedding at Cana, as was Jesus' mother, Mary. There is no parallel report of this miracle at Cana in the Synoptic Gospels.

In the Church's liturgical history, the wedding feast of Cana is closely associated with the baptism of the Lord and the adoration of the infant Jesus by the Wise Men. In this context, the sign Jesus performs at the wedding feast is celebrated as an epiphany or a manifestation of Jesus' divinity.

Yet awareness of Jesus' impending passion and death is ever present in John's Gospel. Even in this report of Jesus' first sign, the language used anticipates Jesus' passion. When Jesus says to his mother that his hour has not yet come, he protests against her wishes in language that John will use again when reporting Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. When introducing the story of Jesus washing his disciples' feet, John writes that Jesus knew that his hour had come. In John's Gospel, Jesus is very much in command and aware of all that is to happen to him.

Here, as elsewhere in John's Gospel, Mary is not mentioned by name, but is referred to instead as the mother of Jesus. Mary is influential in Jesus' first sign. She will also be present at his Crucifixion, a witness to the final manifestation of his divinity.

John's Gospel describes seven signs that indicate Jesus' identity to his disciples. John never speaks of these signs as miracles because their importance is not in the deed that Jesus performs but in what these deeds indicate about Jesus' identity. Here, as when John describes the other signs, the disciples are said to begin to believe, but no mention is made as to whether the other wedding guests are even aware of what has happened.

Marriage and wedding feasts are metaphors used in Scripture to describe God's salvation and the Kingdom of God. Here at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, John's Gospel seeks to establish that Jesus is going to re-interpret and fulfil Yahweh's promise to Israel. Jesus establishes the New Covenant. A hint about what this New Covenant will be like is made evident in the deed that Jesus performs. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus' miracle produces vast quantities of wine—six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine.

This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God's kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing the Kingdom of God to fulfilment among us.

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