

Week of: 25th January — 31st January 2025

Saturday: January 25th

11.00am: No Intention

Vigil Mass for Sunday

6.45pm: Jennie Murphy (M.M.)
Lily Byrne (A)
Patricia McDonnell (6th A)
Cáit Prendergast (A)
Greg Morgan (4th A)
Adele Farrell (15th A)
Thomas Fitzsimons (3rd A)
Sheila O'Reilly (6th A)

Sunday

8.30am: Fr. Liam Dowling (A)

9.30am: Fr. Michael Fitzgerald (A)
Alice Tighe (A)

11.30am: Edward Mc Donald (M.M.)
Monica McCabe (1st A)
Fr. Raymond Liddane (R. Dec)
Raymond Turner (R. Dec)
Patricia McDonnell (A)
Peggy Purcell (7th A)
Thomas Lillis (2nd A)
Anna Bergin (4th A)
Kathleen & Michael Cleary (A)
Michael Turner (25th A)
Theresa O'Higgins (A)
James & Hannah Casey (A)

Monday 10am: Breda McGarry (1st A)

Tuesday 10am: No Intention

Wednesday 10am: No Intention

Thursday 10am: No Intention

Friday 10am: No Intention

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

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St. Brigid's Day

Next Saturday the 1st of February is Saint Brigid's Day. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation but attending Mass in her honour is a fitting way to celebrate our most important female Saint.



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.

Church Gate Collection last weekend:

St. Vincent De Paul

The Church gate collection last weekend was in aid of the Rathfarnham St. Vincent De Paul. Your very generous donations totalled €2,235. Thank you for your support.

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.



St. Vincent De Paul: Christmas Collection update

The Christmas Collection in aid of the Rathfarnham St. Vincent De Paul has increased from the last report, the amount collected now stands at . Your very generous donations now total €22,150. Thank you for your support.



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Church of the Annunciation, Rathfarnham

www.rathfarnhamparish.ie

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C Sunday January 26th 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:

Today's Gospel reading combines two separate passages taken from the Gospel of Luke. First we hear the opening verses where Luke establishes the purpose of his Gospel. His style is typical of polished Greek and Roman literature. In this passage, we learn that Luke may have written to a specific person, Theophilus; but the word Theophilus may also be a general reference, functioning as the phrase "Dear Reader" might in contemporary writing. In Greek, the word Theophilus translates as "lover of God."

Today's Gospel reading then skips several chapters in which one would find the Infancy Narratives, Jesus' baptism by John, the temptations Jesus faced in the desert, and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In chapter four of Luke's Gospel, we hear that Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth, attending the synagogue on the Sabbath, which is said to be his custom. In this account, we find another important clue that Jesus lived as a faithful, observant Jew. We will continue to read from Luke's Gospel in sequence for the next two Sundays.

As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry. We will find more evidence of this as we continue to read from Luke's Gospel throughout the year. Jesus' ministry will include bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord.

Through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces God's salvation. The "year acceptable to the Lord" is a reference to the Jewish tradition of Sabbath years and jubilee. The Sabbath year was observed every seventh year. It was a year of rest when land was left fallow and food stores were to be shared equally with all. A year of Jubilee was celebrated every fiftieth year, the conclusion of seven cycles of Sabbath years. It was a year of renewal in which debts were forgiven and slaves were freed.

This tradition of Jubilee is the framework for God's promise of salvation. And yet in Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about in his person. Jesus is Yahweh's Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. The Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in his life, death, and Resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled. The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. When we do what Jesus did—bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed—we serve the Kingdom of God.

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Mass for Engaged Couples 2025

We warmly invite all engaged couples to a special Mass on Sunday, February 16th, at 11:30 PM in the Church of the Annunciation, Rathfarnham.

This Mass, held on the Sunday closest to Valentine's Day, will include a special prayer for couples preparing for marriage. During the celebration, there will also be a blessing of rings.

If you and your Fiancée / Fiancé would like to take part, please contact Jason in the Parish Office by calling 01-4958695 or email parishoffice@rathfarnhamparish.com

We look forward to celebrating this joyous occasion with you!