

Week of: 8th February — 14th February 2025

Saturday: February 8th

11.00am: Funeral

Vigil Mass for Sunday

6.45pm: Beatrix Ghesquiere (M.M.)
Colm Kane (A)

Sunday

8.30am: No Intention

9.30am: No Intention

11.30am: Rosemary Byrne (M.M.)

Noel Muldowney (M.M.)

Aeneas Leahy (M.M.)

Mary Murray (6th)

Thomas Diamond (A)

Joe Logue (A)

Aistín (9th A) & Aisling (13th A) Ni Lorcáin

Monday 10am: Máire O'Callaghan (1st A)

John Mc Gough (A)

Tuesday 10am: No Intention

Wednesday 10am: No Intention

Thursday 10am: Kathleen Lindsay (A)

Friday 10am: Frank McCloskey (A)

(1st A) First Anniversary

(M/M) Months Mind

(R.D.) Recently Deceased

(B. Rem) Birthday Remembrance

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This weekend at all our Masses, Sr Orla Treacy a Loreto Sister, will share insights on the work of the Loreto Schools in Rumbek, South Sudan. She will highlight the plans to expand and build another School in Aweil. Educating girls is so important in South Sudan where to go to school as a girl is not seen as important or encouraged.



Please keep South Sudan in your prayers and please pray for the young people who attend Loreto Rumbek and the Staff who work to bring about change by providing life-styles for young girls, empowering them to break free from the cycle of early and forced marriages and embrace a brighter future.

Learn more about Loreto Rumbek: <https://loretorumbek.ie>

<https://youtu.be/j9QBzRjtDXI?si=HHrmSotW2qOgNdQD>

If you would like to give a donation you can donate directly on the website or by BANK transfer see below :

Bank of Ireland:

IBAN: IE76BOFI90001760775342 BIC: BOFIE2

ACCOUNT NAME: Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary- Irish Province -Loreto Rumbek

Currency € Euro

CRA Name The Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary- Irish Province

CRA no: 20014186

Please include your name and contact details as a reference for acknowledgement.

Envelopes will also be available at the back of the Church for donations.

Thank you for your support.

Children who are denied their childhood are a silent cry denouncing the inequality of our economic system, the criminality of war, and the lack of medical care and education. These injustices weigh most heavily on all little ones and on the weakest.



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Charismatic Prayer Group

We would like to invite you to join us at our weekly **Wednesday meetings** at 8pm in the Parish Pastoral

Centre on Willbrook Road in exploring our faith in a friendly atmosphere.

Mass is celebrated on the last Wednesday of every month.



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 ANNUAL COLLECTION for ACCORD

The Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family (Accord Collection), will be made at all Masses next weekend, the 15th & 16th of February 2025.

- ACCORD Dublin throughout the Diocese offers:
- Marriage Preparation courses – online, small groups.
- Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships, currently online or by phone.
- A Relationship and Sexuality Programme for schools.

ACCORD Dublin needs your support this year more than ever.

Please give generously on 15th & 16th February 2025



Mass for Engaged Couples 2025

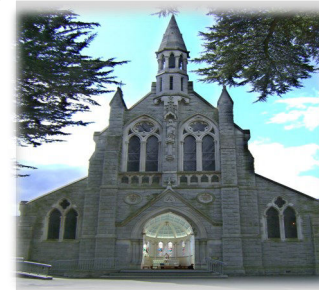
We warmly invite all engaged couples to a special Mass next Sunday, February 16th, at 11:30 am in the Church of the Annunciation, Rathfarnham.



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!



The Annunciation Times

Church of the Annunciation, Rathfarnham

www.rathfarnhamparish.ie

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C February 9th 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 MAY 2025 ONWARDS

Gospel Reflection:

Last Sunday, we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. In the verses that follow, Jesus travels to the town of Capernaum and begins his ministry of teaching and healing. While in Capernaum, Jesus cures a man possessed with a demon and heals Simon's mother-in-law. After spending some time there, Jesus prepares to preach in other places. The fact that Jesus had previously been in Simon's home and healed his mother-in-law suggests that this encounter is not the first between Jesus and Simon Peter. We can read today's Gospel, therefore, as a description of the developing relationship between Jesus and Simon Peter.

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches from Simon's boat. Jesus turns to Simon and instructs him about where to lower the fishing nets. Simon and others have been fishing throughout the night and have not caught anything. Simon protests, claiming that such an effort would be futile. Simon ultimately obeys Jesus and lowers his nets into the deeper water as directed. Notice here that Peter calls Jesus by the title "master." He already recognizes Jesus as a person of authority. They catch so many fish that the nets begin to tear; Jesus' presence has created abundance out of scarcity, just as it did at the wedding feast at Cana, which we heard at Mass just a few weeks ago. Simon Peter becomes a follower of Jesus immediately. He calls Jesus "Lord"—the title given to Jesus after his Resurrection—and protests his worthiness to be in Jesus' presence. Today's Gospel, therefore, marks a turning point in the relationship between Jesus and Peter.

Two of Simon's partners are also named as witnesses to the event described in today's Gospel: Zebedee's sons, James and John. Yet Jesus' words are addressed only to Simon. Jesus gives Simon a new job, telling him that he will become a different kind of fisherman. No longer will he catch fish; instead he will catch people. In these words, we hear the beginning of the leadership role that Peter will have within the community of disciples. Peter was chosen for this role. His task will be to bring others to Jesus. Already he is doing so; the Gospel tells us that all the fishermen with Peter also left their nets and followed Jesus. We continue to speak of Peter's leadership and influence in the Church today when we call the pope the "successor of Peter." We participate in the mission of the Church when we bring people to Christ through the example and positive influence of our lives.

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