

Week of: 22nd February — 28th February 2025

Saturday: February 22nd

11.00am: Funeral

Vigil Mass for Sunday

6.45pm: Willie Mulvey (1st A)

George Smith (A)

Michael & Elizabeth Dowling (A)

Deceased members of the Douglas Family

Michael McCabe (A)

Sunday

8.30am: No Intention

9.30am: John Leahy (A)

Patrick Pidgeon (A)

Deceased members of the Leahy & Pidgeon Families

11.30am: William Crowe (1st A)

Teresa O'Higgins (1st A)

Elizabeth Walshe (A)

Sheila, Paddy & John Butler (A)

Tony Byrne (A)

Monday 10am: No Intention

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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Thank you for the affection, prayer and closeness with which you are accompanying me in these days.

@Pontifex 16th February 2025



Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina continues 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.



Reminder: Confirmation 2025

You Shall Be My Witness Programme

There is a Confirmation Preparation night on Wednesday 26th of February for both schools.

This is a programme run by the parents who volunteered for the programme and all Confirmation candidates must attend. Only parents who volunteered must attend.

Start Times:

Loreto Grange: 7.30pm—8.30pm

St. Mary's Boys: 8pm—9pm



Do This In Memory Mass

A reminder to all parents of Children preparing for First Holy Communion in 2025 that the Mass next Saturday at 6.45pm is a Do This in Memory Mass. It would be great if you and your child could attend.

Altar Servers needed

We are recruiting new Altar Servers for the Parish. If your child has made their 1st Holy Communion and would like to become an Altar Server please leave your details in the Sacristy.



Church Gate Collection THIS weekend:

St. Vincent De Paul

The Church gate collection THIS weekend is in aid of the Rathfarnham St. Vincent De Paul. Thank you for your support of this very worthy cause.



Rathfarnham Bethany Group

Rathfarnham Bethany Group will hold a Bereavement Support meeting on Friday 28th February from 10.45 to 12.00 noon in the Parish Centre, Willbrook Road. If you are finding it difficult following the loss of a loved one, this meeting is a safe space to help you come to terms with your loss and share with others who are also on the grieving journey. You are not alone, we are here to listen and accompany you on the journey. Please do not hesitate to contact Rathfarnham Bethany at 087 2609323 for more information.



The Annunciation Times

Church of the Annunciation, Rathfarnham

www.rathfarnhamparish.ie

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C February 23rd 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 JUNE 2025 ONWARDS

Gospel Reflection:

Today's gospel reading is a continuation of the teaching that began in last Sunday's gospel. We continue to hear Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. Recall that in Luke's Gospel, this teaching is addressed to Jesus' disciples. This is in contrast to the parallel found in Matthew's Gospel, the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus' words are addressed to both the disciples and to the crowds.

These words from Jesus' teaching are familiar to us. They constitute the crux and the challenge of what it means to be a disciple: Love your enemies, turn the other cheek, give to those who ask, do unto others, lend without expecting repayment, judge not lest you be judged.

There are several similarities between Luke's and Matthew's report of Jesus' great teaching. Both begin with the Beatitudes. Matthew includes nearly all the content that Luke does; the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel is longer than Luke's Sermon on the Plain. There are, however, differences in language and nuance. For example, Matthew presents this portion of the teaching as a contrast between Jesus' teaching and the teachings of the law and the prophets. This is in keeping with Matthew's concern to address his predominantly Jewish audience. It is likely that Luke omits this contrast because it was unnecessary for the Gentile believers for whom Luke is writing. Another point of contrast between Matthew and Luke's presentation is the terminology. In Luke, Jesus contrasts the behaviour of his followers with the behaviour of "sinners." In Matthew, Jesus contrasts the behaviour desired with the behaviour of tax collectors and Gentiles. Matthew concludes the teaching about love of enemies with the admonition to be perfect as God is perfect; Luke concludes by emphasizing God's mercy. In both Gospels, Jesus' words challenge those who would follow him to be more like God. God loves us beyond our expectations, beyond anything we can possibly imagine. In response to God's love, we are to love as God loves, beyond expectations and with a depth beyond imagining.

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Mass Intentions



Tony Duffy

Touched by Faith, Surrounded by History presents:

St. Patrick.....probably

Public talk: Ballyroan Library
Tuesday 4 March 2025 at 6.30pm

Booking essential at eventbrite.ie or contact library at 01 4941900

