

Week of: 15th February — 21st February 2025

Saturday: February 15th

11.00am: Funeral

Vigil Mass for Sunday

6.45pm: Maeve Halpin (M.M.)

Joe (17th A) & Patricia (1st A) Fitzgerald

Edward O'Toole (A)

All deceased members of the O'Toole family

Sunday

8.30am: Pat Fitzgerald (1st A)

9.30am: Frank Moreland (20th A)

11.30am: John Kilmurray (M.M.)

John Redmond (1st A)

Liam Reason (15th A)

Joan Byrne (2nd A)

Edith Salmon (A)

Rufina Brennan (4th A)

Deceased members of the Molloy Family

Cyril McCabe (B.Rem)

Sean & Mary Hennessy (A)

Ted Killeen (A)

Monday 10am: May Costello (B.Rem)

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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When goodness is not reinvested, it is lost. The greatness of our lives is not measured by how much we save but by the fruit we bear.

@Pontifex February 13th 2025



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 this 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

Church Gate Collection NEXT weekend:

St. Vincent De Paul

The Church gate collection NEXT weekend is in aid of the Rathfarnham St. Vincent De Paul.

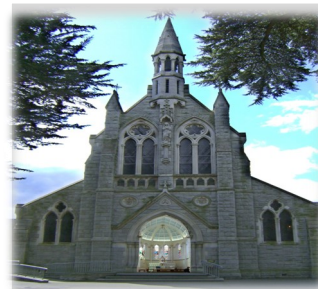
Thank you for your support of this very worthy cause.



Request for Research candidates: Bachelor Thesis

Two students from the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands are seeking to interview parishioners from our community about how religious and political communities have shaped their identities through significant historical events, including the Troubles, the Celtic Tiger, Brexit, and the 2024 General Election.

If you are interested in participating, information sheets with further details and contact information are available at the back of the church.



The Annunciation Times

Church of the Annunciation, Rathfarnham

www.rathfarnhamparish.ie

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C February 16th 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 Jesus call Peter to be his disciple. Jesus then travels with Peter and the other disciples. Luke reports acts of healing (a person with leprosy and a paralytic man) and the call of Levi, the tax collector. Jesus also replies to questions from the Pharisees regarding fasting and the observance of the Sabbath. In the verses immediately before today's gospel reading, Jesus is reported to have chosen 12 men from among his disciples to be apostles. Apostle is a Greek word that means "one who is sent."

Today's gospel reading is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Plain. We find a parallel to this passage in Matthew 5:1-7,11 that is often called the Sermon on the Mount. As these titles suggest, there are differences and similarities between these gospel readings.

When spoken from the mountaintop in Matthew's Gospel, we can't miss the impression that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. The mountaintop is a symbol of closeness to God. Those who ascend the mountain see God and speak for God; recall the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments. As Luke introduces the location of Jesus' teaching, Jesus teaches on level ground, alongside the disciples and the crowd. Luke presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us.

Another distinction found in Luke's version is the audience. Luke's Sermon on the Plain is addressed to Jesus' disciples, although in the presence of the crowd; Matthew's Sermon on the Mount is addressed to the crowd. In keeping with this style, the Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel sound more personal than those in Matthew's Gospel—Luke uses the article "you" whereas Matthew uses "they" or "those." There is also a difference in number: Matthew describes eight beatitudes; Luke presents just four, each of which has a parallel warning. The form of the Beatitudes found in Luke's and Matthew's Gospel is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, such as in the Psalms and in Wisdom literature. They are a way to teach about who will find favour with God. The word blessed in this context might be translated as "happy," "fortunate," or "favoured."

As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of "woes," those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation . . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God.

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