

Week of: 1st February — 7th February 2025

Saturday: February 1st

11.00am: Phyllis Langan (A)

**Vigil Mass for Sunday**

6.45pm: Frank Policky (1st A)  
Philip Lynch (2nd A)  
Rachel Woods (2nd A)  
Jane Whelan (A)  
Joe McKiernan (20th A)

**Sunday**

8.30am: No Intention

9.30am: No Intention

11.30am: Fr. John Byrne O.S.A. (R. D)  
Tommie & Florence Corless (A)  
William & Conor Redmond (A)  
Agnes & Vincent Clohisey (A)

**Monday 11am: Special 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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#### Bank Holiday Monday Mass Time:

Tomorrow, Monday February 3rd is a bank Holiday. Therefore, Mass tomorrow will be celebrated at 11am.

#### The ANNUAL COLLECTION for ACCORD

The Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all Masses on the weekend of 15 & 16 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 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!

#### Vocations Society of St Joseph

(Formerly St Joseph's Young Priests Society)

Eucharistic Adoration will take place on **FRIDAY 7TH** February 2025 after 10.00 am Mass to 3.30 pm. to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Volunteers are required to commit to at least one half hour as it is necessary that there is always somebody present in the Church during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Names will be taken after Masses during the week. Thanking you for continued prayers, attendance at Adoration and to the financial support of the work of the Society. New members will be most welcome to join our group.

**'The Harvest is great but the labourers are few.'**

#### 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.

Lectio  
Divina

#### Commitment for Confirmation Mass

The Commitment for Confirmation Mass will take place **next Saturday February 8th at 6.45pm.**

Students from both Schools will be in attendance.

#### Talk about Joseph Meade

**14 Henrietta Street Thursday 13th February 6 pm**

14 Henrietta Street presents Teatime Talks a series of talks inspired by the history and people of 14 Henrietta Street.

Joseph Meade's life has been almost totally defined by the fact that he owned tenements in Henrietta Street, yet, in his day he was one of the most important and respected businessmen in Dublin.

Meade (1839-1900) was a master builder, one of the biggest ever employers in this city, a nationalist politician, an Alderman on Dublin Corporation and twice Lord Mayor of the city (in 1891 and 1892). He built numerous churches (including the Church of the Annunciation, Rathfarnham), palatial homes and artisan dwellings, civic and commercial building, transport infrastructure and places of entertainment.

In this talk, Senior Tour Guide Pat Garry will reassess his career, his contribution to the welfare of Dubliners and his legacy, which practically every Dubliner has encountered at some stage in their lives.

Tickets can be booked at the following link:

<https://14henriettastreet.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows>

Cost is €5 per adult or €3 with a Senior discount



## The Annunciation Times

*Church of the Annunciation, Rathfarnham*

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**The Presentation of the Lord Cycle C Sunday February 2nd 2025**

#### Contact details:

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

#### Parish team:

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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:

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple. The Presentation, which is celebrated 40 days after Christmas, is not mentioned in the other Gospels. Only Luke tells the story, most likely because he writes for Gentile Christians who are not familiar with the Jewish rite of presentation and purification. In addition, the intent of Luke's Gospel is to show that God's promise to Israel, fulfilled in Jesus, extends to Gentiles.

Luke recognizes Joseph and Mary as faithful Jews who bring Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Here they present their firstborn son to the Lord. Jesus is thus consecrated as required by the Law of Moses. Present in the temple at this time are Simeon and Anna. Both are awaiting the restoration of God's rule in Israel. Simeon had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would see Christ the Lord, the Messiah, before he died. The holy man immediately recognized the infant Jesus as the promised Saviour, a "light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." Anna also recognized Jesus as the fulfilment of the promise of redemption and spoke about him to all.

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