



Week of: 15th March — 21st March 2025

Saturday: 15th March
11.00am: Funeral
Vigil Mass for Sunday
6.45pm: Síne Smith (3rd A)
James & Kathleen Hughes (A)
Alexander Byrne (A)

Sunday
8.30am: Bernard Traynor (R/D)
9.30am: Ann Byrne (R/ D)
11.30am: Aoife Lyons (M.M.)
Tony Dempsey (1st A)
Patrick Woods (20th A)
Mary Haycock (4th A)
Bernard Maguire (6th A)

Monday St. Patricks Day
8.30am: No Intention (English)
9.30am: No Intention (English)
11.30am: No Intention (Irish)
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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Stations of the Cross: Knocklyon

The Parish of Knocklyon is holding Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings during Lent. Commencing at 7 p.m. in the church. All are welcome.

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SONGS OF Hope

*An Evening of Songs of Hope & Praise
featuring Parish Choirs from
St. Enda's Partnership.*



**Good Shepherd Church,
Nutgrove Ave.,
Churchtown**

**Friday
21st March,
7.30pm**
(St Enda's Feast Day)

**Entry free
All warmly welcome.**

**Refreshments after
in Parish Centre.**

I think of the many people who find various ways to be close to the sick, becoming a sign of the Lord's presence for them. We need this "miracle of tenderness" to accompany those who face adversity, in order to bring a little light into the night of pain. @Pontifex 9th March 2025



Trócaire Special Collection for Lent 2025

This Lenten season, our parish is supporting Paul Healy and Trócaire in their crucial work in Somalia. In his letter (which can be found at the back of the Church) Somalia Country Director Paul Healy, describes the devastating humanitarian crisis, with ongoing water shortages, malnutrition, and healthcare challenges. The situation has worsened this year, especially with cuts in essential funding.

Our goal is to support a key health facility in Burdhubo, which provides life-saving care such as emergency obstetric services, malaria, pneumonia, and cholera treatment. Without continued funding, these essential services will cease by the end of April. The priority is to keep a nurse, a midwife, and a lab technician available to ensure safe deliveries and proper medical treatment for the community.

We ask all parishioners to support this special collection, with Trócaire donation envelopes available at the back of the church. Your generosity brings hope to those who need it most in Somalia.

Thank you for your continued kindness and support.



St. Patrick's Day Mass Times

Tomorrow, Monday March 17th is St.. Patricks Day.

Masses on St. Patricks Day will be at 8.30am (English) 9.30am (English) & 11.30am (Irish)

All Masses will be live on the Parish webcam.
La fhéile Pádraig sona dhaoibh!

There are special sheets at the back of the church for you to fill in if you would like a loved one who is aboard to be remembered on this day.

We look forward to you joining us for these very special Masses.



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.





The Annunciation Times

Church of the Annunciation, Rathfarnham

www.rathfarnhamparish.ie

Second Sunday of Lent, Cycle C March 16th 2025

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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:

On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. On the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel always tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday, we always hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The report of Jesus' Transfiguration is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The context for Luke's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew and Mark. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his Passion. After the prediction there is a discussion of the cost of discipleship in each of these Gospels. The placement of the Transfiguration story close to Peter's confession and Jesus' prediction encourages us to examine the Transfiguration in the larger context of the Paschal Mystery. The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples—Peter, James and John. These are among the first disciples that Jesus called in Luke's Gospel. We recently heard this Gospel at Mass, on the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Only Luke's Gospel, which often describes Jesus at prayer, indicates that Jesus is praying as his appearance changes to bright white. Luke indicates that the three disciples were sleeping while Jesus prayed. They will be sleeping again as Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane before his Passion and death.

As they awake, Peter and the disciples see Jesus Transfigured and Elijah and Moses present with Jesus. Elijah and Moses, both significant figures in the history of Israel, represent Jesus' continuity with the Law and the Prophets. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospels, there is reference to conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel explains that this conversation is about Jesus' later accomplishments in Jerusalem. Luke describes this as his exodus, connecting Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection with the Israel's Exodus from Egypt.

On witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Having just awoken, perhaps Peter's offer was made in confusion. We also notice that Peter reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus “master” instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding that the disciples listen to him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism which, in Luke's Gospel, spoke directly to Jesus as God's Son. In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness his Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death.

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