

Week of: 22nd March — 27th March 2025

Saturday: 22nd March

11.00am: Funeral

Vigil Mass for Sunday

6.45pm: Micheal Deegan (6th A)

Liam O'Sullivan (A)

& Patrick Bateman (A)

Jimmy & Phyllis Dunne (A)

Micheál & Family (Spl Int)

Sunday

8.30am: Patsy Russell (R/D)

9.30am: No Intention

11.30am: Brendan Gallagher (M.M.)

& his Brother Hugh Gallagher (M.M.)

Paul Doyle (M.M.)

Tommy Coyne (B. Rem)

Liam O'Sullivan (A)

& Patrick Bateman (A)

Monday: 10am: No Intention

Tuesday 10am: Funeral

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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Rathfarnham Theatricals Group presents The Shadow of a Gunman

by Sean O'Casey directed by Carmel Cullen
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Tue 1 to Sat 5 April, 7.30 pm
dIr Mill Theatre, Dundrum
Tickets €20/€18
Booking 01-2969340
www.milltheatre.ie

Trócaire Special Collection for Lent 2025

This Lent, our parish is supporting Paul Healy and Trócaire in their vital work in Somalia. In his letter (available at the back of the Church), Paul Healy, Somalia Country Director, highlights the worsening humanitarian crisis, with severe water shortages, malnutrition, and healthcare challenges. Cuts in International funding have intensified the situation.

Our goal is to support a key health facility in Burdhubo, providing life-saving services such as obstetric care, malaria, pneumonia, and cholera treatment. Without continued funding, these services will end by April. The priority is to maintain staff, including a nurse, midwife, and lab technician, to ensure safe deliveries and medical care.

We encourage all parishioners to contribute to this special collection. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Your generosity brings hope to those in need.

Thank you for your support.



Rathfarnham Bethany Group

Rathfarnham Bethany Group will hold a Bereavement Support meeting on Friday 28 Mar 2025, 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.

Confirmation 2025: Loreto Grange Road

Next Friday, 28th March 2025, the girls from Loreto Grange Road Primary School will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation at 11:00 AM. This is a significant milestone in their spiritual journey, as they receive the Holy Spirit and are confirmed in their Catholic faith. It marks an important moment in their lives, deepening their commitment to God and the Church.

As they prepare for this sacred event, we kindly ask that you keep the girls, their parents, sponsors, and all the staff at Loreto Grange Road in your prayers. May this special occasion be filled with joy, grace, and the presence of the Holy Spirit. The prayers and support of the school community, family, and friends are essential as the girls embark on this new chapter of their faith.

Let us pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to strengthen these young hearts, that they may continue to live out their faith with love and service. May this sacrament bring them closer to God and inspire them to follow the example of Christ in their daily lives.



The Annunciation Times

Church of the Annunciation, Rathfarnham

www.rathfarnhamparish.ie

Third Sunday of Lent, Cycle C March 23rd 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 JULY 2025 ONWARDS

Gospel Reflection:

Now into the third week of the Season of Lent, our Sunday Gospel prepares us to hear Lent's call to conversion and repentance.

Today's reading is found in the chapters of Luke's Gospel that describe Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. During this journey, Jesus teaches and heals. He must also respond to those who question and challenge his authority and actions. There is no parallel in Mark's or Matthew's Gospels for today's reading from Luke. While Mark and Matthew describe an incident in which Jesus curses the fig tree, today's reading makes the barren fig tree the subject of a parable.

Luke tells us that some among the crowds report to Jesus a massacre of Galileans by Pilate. The intention of the crowd seems to be to ask Jesus to explain why these people suffered. It was commonplace to render people's suffering as evidence of their sinfulness. Jesus challenges this interpretation. Those who were massacred were no more or less sinful than the ones who report the situation to Jesus. Jesus replies that even a fatal accident, a natural disaster, ought not to be interpreted as punishment for sin. Jesus' words at first appear to have a fire-and-brimstone quality. Jesus says in essence, "Repent or perish as these people did; all are sinful before God and deserving of God's punishment." The tone changes, however, in the parable that follows. The parable of the barren fig tree contrasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the practicality of the property owner. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsels patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit.

Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us.

This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts. Next week's Gospel will give an even clearer picture of the kind of mercy that God shows to us.

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