



Mass Intentions

Week of 3rd April — 9th April 2023

Monday 10am: Joseph Keegan (1st A)
Austin Nolan (A)
Joan Harrington (5th A)

Tuesday 10am: No Intention
7.30pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday 10am: No Intention

Holy Thursday 10am: Morning Prayer
7.30pm: Mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday 10am: Morning Prayer

Holy Saturday:
10.00am: Morning Prayer
9pm: Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday: No Intentions Today

8.30am: Irish Mass
9.30am: English Mass
10.45am: English Mass
12.00pm: English Mass
(1st A) First Anniversary (M/M) Months Mind (R.D.) Recently Deceased
(B. Rem) Birthday Remembrance
(I) Illness

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Easter Newsletter

The Parish Easter Newsletter Pack is available from the Sacristy. Please take a bundle and deliver a copy to your neighbours. Thank you.

Roads that still need to be delivered are:

ARANLEIGH COURT & DELL	HAZEL LODGE
BALLYTORE ROAD	OLD ORCHARD TERRACE
BARTON RD AVE & BEECHES &	OTTERBROOK
BARTON DRIVE 1-51 ODD	OWENDORE AVE
BEAUFORT DOWNS 1-65	OWENDORE CRESENT
BELLA VISTA	RATHFARNHAM MILL
BROOKMOUNT COURT	RATHFARNHAM PARK
BUTTERFIELD AVE 151-211 ODD	RIVERSDALE
NUMBERS ONLY	SPRUCE LODGE
BUTTERFIELD COURT	ST AGNES TERRACE
BUTTERFIELD CRESCENT	ST MARY'S AVE
CASTLE COURT	ST MARY'S TERRACE
CASTLE DRIVE	TARA HILL CRESCENT
CASTLESIDE COURTYARD	TARA HILL GROVE
DODDER COTTAGE	TARA HILL ROAD
DODDER PARK DRIVE	THE CASTLELANDS
DODDER PARK DRIVE 1-107	THE LAKELANDS
DODDER PARK DRIVE 2-92	THE LAURELS
DODDER PARK GROVE	VILLAGE COURT
DODDER PARK LOWER 1-60	VILLAGE GREEN
EDENBROOK COURT	WHITECHURCH ABBEY
EDENBROOK MANOR	WHITECHURCH PINES
FAIRWAYS 33-105 (ODDS ONLY) & 46 -	WHITECHURCH ROAD
106 (EVENS ONLY)	WHITECHURCH STREAM
FALLS APARTMENTS	WILLBROOK GROVE
GLENNAN	WILLBROOK ROAD
GRANGE ROAD 34 - 77 & 119 - 140	WOODSIDE 1-60
	WOODSIDE 61-83

We must never forget the moment and the way in which God enters into our lives, treasuring in our hearts and minds that encounter with Grace that enkindles faith in our hearts and sparks zeal for the Gospel within us. @Pontifex March 29th 2023



Touched by Faith Surrounded by History

Parish Historian Tony Duffy will give the first of a trilogy of Talks on Tuesday April 4th at 6.45pm **Sharp in Ballyroan Library**. This first talk is titled "So you know Rathfarnham" Part 1. All are welcome to attend and please come early.

Ministry Sunday / Palm Sunday

A special day for all those in Ministry in our parish, a time to reflect on our Parish Ministries, a time to get to know others over a cup of tea. From 2pm until 4.30/ 5pm **TODAY** at the Avila Carmelite Centre Morehampton Road in Donnybrook. All members of Parish Groups or Ministries are welcome to attend even if you have not registered.

Special Parish Trócaire Collection for Somalia

Our Special Collection for Trocaire will go toward the following items.

Beds for Stabilisation Centres:

Over 200,000 internally displaced people have arrived on the edges of the major towns in Gedo over the past year, looking for health, nutrition, protection and other services. Their crops and livestock are gone. They have nothing left and try to get daily casual work to survive and feed their children. Trócaire is the main health provider in Gedo and, with the massive increase in malnutrition, each of our four main hospitals have established expanded Stabilisation Centres. These centres are wards that treat children with severe acute malnutrition (SAM) with complications. Sadly, all our facility beds are triple occupied due to the levels of malnutrition in Gedo, especially for children under 5. The support from Rathfarnham Parish will enable us to purchase more beds. We need at least 100 new beds (about €120 each).

Delivery Ward Equipment:

Oxygen concentrator + delivery set + theatre examination lamp (Hospital Theatre/delivery ward Equipment). A key component of our health work is the safe delivery of babies and that mothers are supported through the pre and post-natal processes. The medical equipment requested are essential items for our /delivery wards and will support ongoing efforts to provide quality care at our hospitals.

There are special envelopes at the back of the Church for this collection. All donations are greatly appreciated.



The Annunciation Times

Church of the Annunciation, Rathfarnham

www.rathfarnhamparish.ie

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Cycle A, 2nd April 2023

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 6:45pm

**Sunday Morning: 8.30am (Irish Mass),
9.30am, 10.45am & 12pm**

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
2023 ONWARDS**

Gospel Reflection:

Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter. Today's liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

The events of Jesus' Passion are proclaimed in their entirety in today's Liturgy of the Word. Those events will be proclaimed again when we celebrate the liturgies of the Triduum—Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil. In communities that celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with catechumens, these liturgies take on special importance because they invite the catechumens and the community to enter together into the central mysteries of our faith. These days are indeed profound and holy.

In Cycle A, we read the Passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Matthew on Palm, or Passion, Sunday. (On Good Friday, we will read the Passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John). The story of Jesus' Passion and death in Matthew's Gospel focuses particularly on the obedience of Jesus to the will of his Father. As Jesus sends his disciples to prepare for Passover, he indicates that the events to come are the will of the Father (Matthew 26:18). In Jesus' prayer in the garden, he prays three times to the Father to take away the cup of suffering, but each time, Jesus concludes by affirming his obedience to the Father's will (Matthew 26:39-44). Even Matthew's description of Jesus' death shows Jesus' obedience to the Father.

Another theme of Matthew's Gospel is to show Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture. Throughout the Passion narrative, Matthew cites and alludes to Scripture to show that the events of Jesus' Passion and death are in accordance with all that was foretold. And if the events were foretold, then God is in control. In addition, Matthew is particularly concerned that the reader does not miss the fact that Jesus is the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament.

Jesus acts in obedience to the Father even in death, so that sins may be forgiven. Matthew makes this clear in the story of the Lord's Supper. As Jesus blesses the chalice, he says: ". . . for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:28)

While the Gospels of Matthew and Mark have many parallels in their narrative of the Passion, there are a few details worth noting that are unique to Matthew. Only Matthew indicates the price paid to Judas for betraying Jesus. The story of Judas's death is also found only in Matthew, as is the detail that Pilate's wife received a warning in a dream and that Pilate washed his hands of Jesus' death. Finally, Matthew's Gospel alone mentions the earthquakes and other phenomena that happened after Jesus' death.

Matthew places the responsibility for Jesus' death on the Sanhedrin, the chief priests and elders who were responsible for the Temple. However, the animosity that those Jewish leaders and the Jewish people demonstrate toward Jesus is not to be interpreted in ways that blame the Jewish people for Jesus' death. Throughout Matthew's Gospel, the narrative reflects the tension that probably existed between the early Christian community and their Jewish contemporaries. At the Second Vatican Council, the Council Fathers made clear that all sinners share responsibility for the suffering and death of Jesus and that it is wrong to place blame for Jesus' Passion on the Jewish contemporaries of Jesus or on Jewish people today.

There are many vantage points from which to engage in Jesus' Passion. In the characters of Matthew's Gospel, we find reflections of ourselves and the many ways in which we sometimes respond to Jesus. Sometimes we are like Judas, who betrays Jesus and comes to regret it. We are sometimes like Peter, who denies him, or like the disciples, who fell asleep during Jesus' darkest hour but then act rashly and violently at his arrest. Sometimes we are like Simon, who is pressed into service to help Jesus carry his cross. Sometimes we are like the leaders who fear Jesus or like Pontius Pilate, who washed his hands of the whole affair. Jesus dies so that our sins will be forgiven.

The events of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection are called the Paschal Mystery. No amount of study will exhaust or explain the depth of love that Jesus showed in offering this sacrifice for us. After we have examined and studied the stories we have received about these events, we are left with one final task—to meditate on these events and on the forgiveness that Jesus' obedience won for us.

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