Mass Intentions

Week of: 10th May — 16th May 2025

Saturday: 10th May
11.00am: Michael King (A)
Vigil Mass
6.45pm: Anne Greene (A)
Peter Quinn (9th A)
Ann Mullholland (5th A)
Sunday
8.30am: No Intention
9.30am: No Intention
11.30am: Anne Cleary (M.M.)
Michael O'Donnell (2nd A)
Tom, Bea & MJ McDermott (A)
Michael & Mary McDonnell (A)
Barbara & Donal Lynam (A)
Margaret Ryan (A)
Marian O'Shea (8th A)
Evelyn Byrne (9th A)
Philip Byrne (8th A)
Patricia Delaney (A)
Thomas Walsh (A)
Anne Greene (A)
Monday: 10am: Funeral
Tuesday 10am: Special 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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Welcome Pope Leo XIV

With profound joy and gratitude to God, we warmly welcome you, Pope Leo XIV, as the new Shepherd of the Universal Church. Chosen by the Holy Spirit and following in the footsteps of St. Peter, your election is a sign of God's enduring care for His people.

Your name evokes strength and faith, and we pray your pontificate will shine with wisdom, compassion, and truth. May your voice bring unity to the Church, hope to the world, and glory to God.

We also offer heartfelt congratulations to the Augustinian Order in St. St Augustine's, Taylors Lane and those in Ballyboden Parish as members of our Parish Partnership. May this moment of grace bring renewed joy and encouragement to your community, whose long witness to faith and service is a blessing to the Church.

We entrust your ministry, Holy Father, to the loving care of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, and we stand with you in faith and prayer.

Ad multos annos, Holy Father.

Reflection on the Sunday Gospel (Lectio Divina)

Lectio Divina takes place every Thursday at 7:30 PM in the Parish Centre on Willbrook Road. Everyone is warmly welcome to join.

Crumlin Children's Hospital Collection

The Church Gate collection this weekend, May 10th & 11th, will support the Diabetes Centre at Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin. Your generous contributions are greatly needed and deeply appreciated. Please give as generously as you can—thank you!

Rathfarnham and Ballyroan Historical Society

Dr Ruth Ferris from UCD School of Education will present some of Mother Michael Corcoran's (Loreto Abbey) extraordinary and large archive of photographs, on Tuesday May 20th in Ballyroan Library at 06.30. The photographs preserve a wonderful record of convent life, both on the missions and here in Rathfarnham.

Booking is free on Eventbrite.

Lay Ministry Sunday & Collection

Lay ministry Sunday takes place **NEXT WEEKEND** when we celebrate the contribution of the Lay Faithful to the Church's Mission. It is also a week of awareness of the supports that can be provided for those involved in Lay Ministry. A Special Collection for Lay Ministry will replace the SHARE Collection on that day.

Blessing of Graves: Cruagh

Blessing of graves in Cruagh Cemetery will take place on Saturday 24th May at 3pm

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Fourth Sunday of Easter, Cycle C May 11th 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 SEPTEMBER 2025 ONWARDS

Gospel Reflection:

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel is taken from the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John. This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge to his authority by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders. Already, the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angered that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31 and 10:39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

Set in a moment of tension and conflict in John's Gospel, today's Gospel reading is Jesus' answer to the question, "Are you the Messiah?" Jesus responds by saying, in essence, "If you have to ask, then you are not one of my sheep." Then Jesus asserts his unity with the Father. At the conclusion of these words, John reports that the Jews intend to stone Jesus for blasphemy, but he escapes arrest.

We may be less familiar with the metaphors of sheep and shepherd than those to whom Jesus spoke. The image of Jesus as Good Shepherd and the community of followers as his sheep has endured over the centuries as a primary image in our faith tradition. Its power to describe the relationship between Jesus and his followers transcends direct experience with sheep. The image speaks to us about the protection, security, and care that shepherds represent for their sheep.

Today's Gospel speaks powerfully about the familiarity and intimacy between Jesus and his disciples, expressed as recognizing and knowing another's voice. Today's Gospel also speaks to the relationship between Jesus and the Father. In the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that he tells us that they are one—not just close, but actually one. To know Jesus is to know the Father. Jesus doesn't just bring us closer to the Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. Our relationship with Jesus is an invitation to share in the life of God.

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