



Week of: 3rd May — 9th May 2025

Saturday: 3rd May
11.00am: Funeral

Vigil Mass
6.45pm: Helen Cowzer (12th A)
Wallie Moore (3rd A)

Sunday
8.30am: No Intention
9.30am: John Haverman (A)
11.30am: Carmel Hoare (4th A)
Kathleen Harrington (22nd A)

Monday: 11am: No Intention
Tuesday 10am: Funeral
Wednesday: 10am: Christpher Greene (8thA)
Thursday 10am: No Intention
Friday 10am: Charles Langan (1st A) & his wife Eithne Langan (A)
Anne Greene (A)

*(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 May 5th is a bank Holiday. Therefore, Mass tomorrow will be celebrated at 11am.

Church Gate Collection Easter weekend St. Vincent De Paul.

The church gate collection held on Easter weekend was in aid of the Rathfarnham St. Vincent De Paul. The amount collected was **€1,450**. All donations were gratefully

Jubilee Mass Sunday 27th April 2025: A Heartfelt Thank You

We extend our deepest gratitude to all who contributed to the beautiful celebration of our 150th Jubilee Mass last Sunday. It was a truly memorable occasion, made possible by the generosity, hard work, and dedication of so many.

To our wonderful volunteers—thank you. From setting up the church to assisting with hospitality, music, and liturgy, your commitment and care helped ensure the celebration was both reverent and joyful. We are immensely grateful for all you do.

We also extend special thanks to Professor Daire Keogh for his enlightening and engaging talk on the history of our Church. His insights offered a rich perspective on our shared heritage and the journey that brought us to this significant milestone.

We are especially grateful to Bishop Paul Dempsey, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Dublin, for graciously stepping in to celebrate the Jubilee Mass on behalf of Archbishop Dermot Farrell, following the passing of Pope Francis. His presence and words brought great comfort and inspiration during a time of both mourning and celebration.

Thank you all for helping to make this a Jubilee to remember.

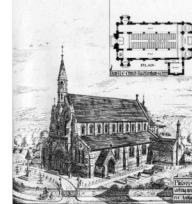
Reflection on the Sunday Gospel
(Lectio Divina)

Lectio Divina is held every Thursday at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre Willbrook Road. All are welcome.





Jubilee 150
Celebrating 150 Years of Faith & Community



Historical Talk
Our Church and Rathfarnham

Date: May 9th 2025 **Time:** 7pm
Location: Church of the Annunciation

Local historian **Tony Duffy** will be giving a talk on our local history and heritage.

Tony will share fascinating insights about our church and Rathfarnham, ensuring you leave with newfound knowledge about our cherished community.



Join Us for a Special Evening!

Crumlin Children's Hospital Collection

The Church Gate collection next weekend May 10th & 11th in aid of the Diabetes Centre of Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin. Please be as generous as possible, thank you.









JOIN OUR 150TH JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

COMMEMORATING THE LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE OF OUR CHURCH

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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.

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The Annunciation Times

Church of the Annunciation, Rathfarnham

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Third Sunday of Easter, Cycle C May 4th 2025

Gospel Reflection:

In Lectionary Cycle C, our Sunday Gospels are usually taken from the Gospel of Luke. The Gospels for the Easter Season, however, are taken from the Gospel of John. Today's Gospel is one of the post-Resurrection appearances reported by John. Recall that in John's Gospel, Jesus appears first to Mary of Magdala, second to all of the disciples except Thomas, and finally to Thomas and the disciples (which we heard last Sunday). After those appearances, John's Gospel seems to conclude with a reference to other signs that Jesus gave after his Resurrection, which have not been recorded. Because it follows this apparent conclusion, most scholars believe today's Gospel passage (and all of John 21) to have been an addition to John's original text. Because there are significant differences between this report and the other appearances described in John's Gospel, it is quite likely that this story is from a different source. There are details in the story that recall Jesus' call to Simon Peter and the other fishermen as well as the miraculous catch of fish (found in the Gospel of Luke, with parallels in the other Synoptic Gospels). The end of the chapter, where Jesus asks Peter three times whether he loves him, most likely is meant to represent the reconciliation that occurred between the community represented by John's Gospel with the larger Christian community represented by Peter. This Gospel reading is a rich and textured story that speaks of Jesus' presence in the Eucharist and our commission to serve others as Jesus did. Last week we heard that Jesus appeared to the gathered disciples in a locked room, probably in Jerusalem. In today's Gospel, the disciples are no longer in Jerusalem; they are in Galilee, returning to their work of fishing. Simon Peter is still presented in the role of leader: when he announces that he is going fishing, the other disciples follow. They spend the night fishing but are unsuccessful.

Jesus calls to them from the shore, but just as when Jesus first appeared to Mary of Magdala, the disciples do not recognize him immediately. Still, they follow the stranger's instructions and bring in a large haul of fish. It is at this point that one of the disciples (the "disciple whom Jesus loved") realizes that Jesus is appearing to them. Upon hearing this news, Simon Peter leads the way again, jumping from the boat and swimming to shore. The other disciples follow in the boat, dragging the fish.

The disciples have brought to shore a tremendous catch of fish that Jesus has directed them to find. But once on the shore, they see that Jesus has already prepared fish and bread on a charcoal fire. Jesus directs the disciples to bring their catch of fish as well. Jesus is host at the meal that follows, feeding the disciples the bread and fish. In this detail we see allusions to the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes told in John 6.

There are also allusions in the Gospel to our gathering for the celebration of the Mass. In the Eucharist, we too are fed by Jesus in the bread and wine that have become his very Body and Blood. We also find in this story insight about the Presentation of the Gifts at Mass. The gifts we bring to the altar, bread and wine, are made from gifts that God gave first to us: grain and grapes, the fruit of the earth. God has no need of anything further. Yet God accepts the offering we bring—bread and wine, "the work of human hands"—and transforms our offering into the gift of his very presence.

After the meal, Jesus directs himself to Simon Peter. The community of John's Gospel probably looked down on Peter because of his denial of Jesus. This dialogue with Simon Peter is a reversal of Peter's three denials. Peter is forgiven. Having been restored to friendship with Jesus, Simon Peter is sent on a mission. "Feed my lambs . . . Tend my sheep . . . Feed my sheep." These commands indicate that Peter is to be as Jesus, even unto sacrificing for the flock. As Jesus has fed Peter in this meal and as Jesus feeds us in the Eucharist, so he also sends us to follow him, asking that we offer our lives in service and sacrifice.

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