



# Annunciation Times

**Parish of the Annunciation Rathfarnham**

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**First Sunday of Lent 21st February 2021**

## Rathfarnham Parish

### Contact details

Rathfarnham is one of three parishes grouped together; our sister parishes are Ballyroan and Churchtown.

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### The Deep End: Wilderness

On this first Sunday of Lent, we are invited to embrace the wilderness. The past year has given us experience of wilderness as our world battled a pandemic. Many people were afraid, isolated, alone, and uncertain of what the future would bring. Humanity was adrift in what seemed like a desert moment. However, wilderness can bring opportunity. It can be a time for deep reflection, where we take stock of what is most important to us, a chance to let go of things that are really not important and focus on where we are being called to be. During this past year, what opportunity did this wilderness offer you?

Lent is also a time where people give up something, focus on weight loss or getting fit, take on a course, try to better themselves in some way. And these can be good things, but Lent is so much more than that. It is a retreat time, a time to make room for something deeper. It is a spring-cleaning sort of time, an opportunity to ask, 'what needs clearing out in my life so that I can make more room for God?' 'What changes am I being called to embrace?' Without change we cannot grow, and things fast become stale in our lives. God is always urging us on because God knows just what possibilities there are for each of us. Lent offers us the opportunity to make space for something new, to let go of that which is keeping us from living life to the full.

The Gospel today is short, Jesus is sent into the wilderness, into the desert, and we too are invited into a desert time. Deserts are interesting places which can allow us to reflect, give ourselves space. It is true that we might encounter our demons there, but we should not be afraid because as the Gospel tells us clearly today, this is a Spirit-led desert. God is with us. Let us try to embrace this wilderness. How we make use of this time determines what will be.

'You have to leave the city of your comfort and go into the wilderness of your intuition. What you'll discover will be wonderful. What you'll discover will be yourself.' (Alan Alda)

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Taken from Intercom Magazine

## COVID 19 MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil 6:45 p.m.**

**Sunday Morning: 11am**

**Working Holy Days:**

**Vigil: 7:30 p.m. Morning: 10:00 a.m.**

**Evening: 7:30 p.m.**

**Weekdays: Monday to Friday 10:00 a.m.**

**Saturdays & Bank Holidays: 11:00 a.m.**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: Postponed until further notice**

**Baptisms: Postponed due to Covid 19  
Church restrictions**

### Parish Office

The Parish Office remains closed to the public but Jason is in the office to deal with any queries you may have via phone or email.

Week of 22nd Feb — 28th Feb 2021



Mass Intentions

**Monday: 10.00am Mary Leavy (A)**  
**Tuesday: 10.00am**  
**Rory Hegarty (12th A)**  
**Teresa Maguire (A)**  
**Wednesday: 10.00am**  
**Eamonn & Maureen Cleary (A)**  
**Thursday: 10:00am No Intentions**  
**Friday: 10:00am**  
**Blaise Cunningham (1st A)**  
**Saturday:**  
**11.00am No Intentions**  
**Vigil mass for Sunday:**  
**6.45pm Michael Geoghegan (19th A)**

**Sunday :**  
**11am: William Crowe (A)**

*(A) Anniversary*  
*(1st A) First Anniversary*  
*(M/M) ~ Months Mind*  
*(R.D.) Recently Deceased*  
*(B. Rem) ~ Birthday Remembrance*  
*(I) Illness*

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 **DONATE**

The Donate Button is up and live on our Parish Website. This is a great way for parishioners to make monthly or once-off payments to the parish for their Christmas and Easter Dues, Planned Giving, Share collections etc.. Most Parishes in the Dublin Diocese have set this up and it has proved to be a great help and we would like to thank you all for your donations during this time.

**Fasting, prayer and almsgiving, as preached by Jesus (cf. Mt 6:1-18), enable and express our conversion.**

**#Lent February 19th 2021**



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### Card Donations

We now have a new donation station set up in the Church. It can be found at the Confessional boxes on the right-hand side of the Church. Using these devices, you can tap your card and it will automatically deduct €5 towards the First and SHARE collections.

# Trocaire

For this Lent, we as a parish, have a special appeal from Trocaire. This appeal comes direct from the Trocaire Somalia Country Director, Paul Healy, a fellow Dubliner who has been working with Trocaire for over 25 years. We have been asked to help with the funding for a Tuberculosis Centre in the town of Luuq in Somalia. We hope to help this very worthy cause by donations from our parishioners. There are special envelopes available in the back of the Church for this special appeal. All donations can be left into the Sacristy after Mass or into the letterbox of the Presbytery.

**Did you know the Parish has a twitter account?**

You can follow us on twitter @RathfarnhamP

We look forward to you joining us there.



The ANNUAL COLLECTION of ACCORD Dublin, the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family was held last weekend. We would like to thank all those who donated so generously to this collection.



## DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words; be silent and listen.

