

Week of: 27th July — 2nd August 2024

Saturday: 27th July

11.00am: Josh Begley Taylor (4th A)

Vigil Mass for Sunday

6.45pm: No Intention

Sunday

8.30am: James & Patricia Rice (A)

9.30am: Betty Tallon (6th A)

11.30am: Tony Larney (1st A)

Kieran Nolan (1st A)

Brideen Buggy (10th A)

Angela Evans (10th A) & David Evans (A)

Bridget & Joseph Byrne (A)

Nuala Nally (A)

Harry Nally (B.Rem)

Monday 10am: No Intention

Tuesday 10am: No Intention

Wednesday 10am: No Intention

Thursday 10am: Mary Ellen King (13th A)

Friday 10am: No Intention

(1st A) First Anniversary

(M/M) Months Mind

(R.D.) Recently Deceased

(B. Rem) Birthday Remembrance

(I) Illness

Church Gate Collection last weekend: St. Vincent De Paul

The Church gate collection last weekend was in aid of the Rathfarnham St. Vincent De Paul. The amount donated was €1,335. Your donations are very much appreciated.

Papal Honour for Rathfarnham Parishioner

A Rathfarnham man has been invested as a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem (KHS) of which Pope Francis is Sovereign.

The Honour was bestowed on Chevalier Jim McGuirk, KHS, by His Beatitude Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, Patriarch of Jerusalem at a recent ceremony in Maynooth. The special mission given by the Pope to this order is to help sustain the Catholic Church and the Christian presence in the Holy Land which is defined as Jordan, Israel, Palestine and Cyprus.

It is one of only two Catholic Chivalric Orders which are mandated by the Pope to have a defined purpose.

Jim along with his wife Isabelle are members of the Funeral Team here in our Church and also spend part of the year in Malaga, Spain as part of the Tourist Apostolate organising Sunday Mass in English for Tourists, ex-pats and the International English-speaking community.

Pictured across are: Chevalier Jim McGuirk KHS, His Beatitude, Pier Battista Cardinal Pizzaballa, Patriarch of Jerusalem and Universal Grand Prior of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre.

V. Rev. Martin Canon Cosgrove, Jims wife Isabelle and V. Rev. Michael Coady.

Photo taken at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.



St Joseph's Young Priests Society

Eucharistic Adoration will take place on **Friday 2nd August after 10.00 am Mass to 3.30 pm.** to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Volunteers are required to commit to at least one-half hour during the day. Commitment is important as it necessary there is always somebody present in the Church during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Names will be taken after Masses during the week. Thank you for your continued prayers, attendance at Adoration and to the financial support of the work of the Society. New members will be most welcome to join our group.

"The Harvest is great but the labourers are few"

Bethany Volunteer Training Autumn 2024

Bethany training for volunteers will take place over 5 Saturdays (fortnightly) from Sat 5th Oct to 30th Nov in Avila Carmelite Centre Donnybrook. Places are limited and an application form must be submitted by August 9th.

Application forms can be obtained from the Parish Office

Content will include:

Skills of Active Listening

- *The grieving process and the journey of grief*
- *Suicide and complicated grief*
- *COVID-19 grief*
- *Family grief*
- *The place of forgiveness in the grieving process*
- *Essential workshop with a focus to participant's personal reflection of their own loss*

Participants are also asked complete a book review. All details in relation to this will be discussed at the first session.



The Annunciation Times

Church of the Annunciation, Rathfarnham

www.rathfarnhamparish.ie

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle B, 28th July 2024

Contact details:

Rathfarnham is one of six parishes in partnership together; the parishes are Ballyroan, Churchtown, Ballyboden, Knocklyon and Marley Grange.

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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 OCTOBER 2024 ONWARDS

Gospel Reflection:

Through most of Lectionary Cycle B, our Sunday Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of Mark. Over the past two Sundays, we heard how Jesus sent his disciples to share in his mission. If we were to continue reading Mark's Gospel, we would next hear his report of how Jesus feeds the crowds in the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Our Lectionary, however, leaves Mark's Gospel for the next several weeks and instead presents this event from the Gospel of John. In John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fishes is presented as a sign of his authority and divinity. Jesus interprets the meaning and significance of this miracle as a sharing of his Body and Blood. This chapter is sometimes called the "Bread of Life Discourse."

In many important ways, John's Gospel uses the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes to teach about the Eucharist. Like the Last Supper, this miracle is said to have occurred near the time of the Jewish feast of Passover. (In John's Gospel three Passovers are identified.) Jesus' language is similar to the language he used at the Last Supper as reported in the Synoptic Gospels. John's description of this event also anticipates the Messianic banquet of heaven, as the crowd reclines and all hungers are satisfied with abundance. This connection is further amplified by the response of the crowd, who wants to make Jesus a king. John is teaching us that each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are anticipating the eternal banquet of heaven.

Recall that John's Gospel tells the story of the Last Supper differently than the Synoptic Gospels. Instead of describing the meal and Jesus' actions with the bread and cup, John describes how Jesus washed his disciples' feet. We hear this Gospel when we remember the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. This recollection of Jesus' action at the Last Supper complements the institution narrative of the Synoptic Gospels and Paul's Letters that we hear repeated at each Mass.

In both stories about the Eucharist—the washing of the disciples' feet and the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes—the Gospel of John teaches us that the Eucharist is an action. Our word Eucharist is taken from the Greek language and describes an action: "to give thanks." In the Eucharist we are fed by Jesus himself, and we are sent to serve others.

John's Gospel notes the detail that the bread blessed and shared with the crowd are barley loaves. This is the food of the poor. It reminds us that God feeds and nourishes us, fulfilling our physical needs as well as our spiritual ones. In the Eucharist, we are sent to serve the poorest among us.

The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes recalls a particular aspect of the Mass. In this miracle, Jesus transforms a young boy's offering of five barley loaves and two fish. In the offertory at Mass, we present the fruits of our labours, represented by bread and wine. These gifts, given to us first by God as grain and fruit, are returned to God in our offering of thanksgiving. God in turn transforms our gifts, making this bread and wine the very Body and Blood of Jesus. We also offer ourselves in this exchange, and we, too, are transformed by the Eucharist.

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