

Week of: 24th August — 1st September 2024

Saturday: 24th August

11.00am: No Intention

Vigil Mass for Sunday

6.45pm: Veronica Clifford (1st A)
Noel Flannagan (1st A)
Kevin Derby (13th A)

Sunday

8.30am: No Intention

9.30am: Mary Nolan (R.D.)

Annabella Cassidy (7th A)

Ned Heffernan (6th A)

Mary Ryan (21st A)

Sean O'Meara (A)

11.30am: Marie Keegan & all deceased
members of the Keegan Family
John Kelly (A)
Charlie Farrell (A)

Monday 10am: Patrick McGuirk (A)

Tuesday 10am: Special Intention

Wednesday 10am: Special Intention

Thursday 10am: Special 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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Household effects for sale

Items for sale include Dining & kitchen furniture, leather settee, also dinner & tea service, Aynsley & Waterford glass. Please call 01 4945907 to arrange a viewing.

Transition Year Student looking for Accommodation.

We received the following from a family in the parish who attend Mass in our Church.

"We are an Italian Catholic family from Rome, and we are looking for a host family within the parish to welcome our 16-year-old son, Nicolas, for the upcoming school year. Nicholas is in Transition Year in Coláiste Eanna. We are open to a shared room with another boy and, of course, we intend to compensate the host family for their hospitality."

If you can help please contact Jason in the Parish office on 01-4958695 and he will put you in contact with the family.

Parish Collections

We would like to thank all parishioners who contributed to these collections & who continue to contribute on a weekly, monthly or yearly basis.

	April	May	June	July
Easter Dues €27,795	Family Envelopes €850	€3,389	€2,706	€1,648
Lay Ministry Collection €1,500	Standing Orders €5,579	€6,599	€6,308	€6,357
	Tap & Go Parish Donations €979	€1,727	€1,503	€1,363
Peter's Pence €1,600	Diocese Donations €9,578	€8,379	€9,731	€8,388

Let us #PrayTogether for martyred Ukraine, which suffers greatly. May we not forget Myanmar, South Sudan, North Kivu, and the many countries at war. Let us pray for peace, and let us not forget Palestine and Israel: may there be peace! @Pontifex August 21st 2024



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TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all of creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. The season starts on 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action as the world's 2.2 billion Christians come together to care for our common home. Creation is not given to humanity to use and abuse, rather, humanity is created to be part of Creation and to care for it.

This year's theme for Season of Creation is "To Hope and Act with Creation"; taking the inspiration from the letter of St Paul to the Romans in chapter 8, "Creation is groaning". Creation is, in our present time, groaning because of the unsustainable actions that harm her: global warming: extreme weather events, damaging gas emissions into the atmosphere, the destruction of biodiversity in earth and seas. And those who suffer most are the poorest of the Earth. Consequently, we are called to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. We are also called to hope through action for a more sustainable world.

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. Your very generous donations totalled €1,125. Thank you for your support.



The Annunciation Times

Church of the Annunciation, Rathfarnham

www.rathfarnhamparish.ie

Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle B, 25th August 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
DECEMBER 2024 ONWARDS**

Gospel Reflection:

For our Gospel today we hear the conclusion of the "Bread of Life discourse" in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. In the preceding verses, which we have heard proclaimed in our liturgy over the past few weeks, we have heard Jesus explain that he is the Bread of Life, given so that those who believe may have eternal life. This discourse follows the miracle in which Jesus fed more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish. As Jesus has been teaching these things, John's Gospel describes a murmuring crowd unable to accept Jesus' words. In today's Gospel, the crowd has dwindled in number, and John no longer references them, or the Jews. Instead John describes the questioning of those considered to be Jesus' own disciples.

Today's Gospel first records the response of those in the crowd who are described as Jesus' disciples. Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus' teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus' words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end. John's Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus' disciples ceased to follow him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns his attention.

Simon Peter's response to Jesus' question as to whether those closest to him will also leave, reminds us of the reports of Peter's confession of faith in the Synoptic Gospels. Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about himself: Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life. This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God's grace invites us to be Jesus' disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.

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