

Week of: 31st August — 6th September 2024

Saturday: 31st August

11.00am: Conor Murphy (M.M.)
Sr. Marie McEvoy (A)

Vigil Mass for Sunday

6.45pm: Susan O'Brien (M.M.)

Sunday

8.30am: Eileen O'Reilly (A)

Deceased members of the O'Reilly & Miley families

9.30am: No Intention

11.30am: Elizabeth (Lily) Forbes (1st A)
Sean Gillard (A)
Brendan Kelly (15th A)
Elizabeth (Lily) Kiernan (A)
Peggy Murphy (2nd A)

Monday 10am: No Intention

Tuesday 10am: No 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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Join Our Parish Choir - Sing Out As One

We would LOVE to see new members, especially now as we get going again after the summer break. If you would like to join our mixed voice choir for 11.30am mass each Sunday and for special feast days, just come and chat to Fiona, the choir director, after mass today. No formal vocal training is necessary, just the ability to hold a tune. We rehearse every Thursday evening 8-9.15pm in the Parish Centre and would love to see you there! Music adds so much to the liturgy and choirs are an integral part of our parish tradition, so why not join us this year!

RARA

The next meeting of RARA will be on Tuesday 3rd of September at 11am in the hall of the Parish Centre. **RARA needs new members if it is to continue as a vibrant association for retired people.** The Committee will meet at [10a.m.in](https://www.rathfarnhamparish.ie) the library in Parish Centre on the same day.

Loreto High School Beaufort

Five 6th year students from Loreto High School Beaufort, together with their Chaplain, are travelling to Lourdes on September 5th next as Helpers with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage. The intentions of all the Parish community will be remembered in Lourdes. If you would like any specific intentions brought to the Shrine, please place them in an envelope in the box at the back of the Church from where they will be collected on Wednesday morning, September 4th.

Please do not include money.

Please remember Pilgrims and Helpers in your prayers.



Jesus asks you for a gaze that does not stop at outward appearance. He asks you to look at the heart with a gaze that is not judgmental but welcomes others. For love alone heals life. @Pontifex August 26th 2024



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St Joseph's Young Priests Society



Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Friday 6th September 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 to ensure 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'

Lectio Divina

Looking at life through the lens of the Gospel



Lectio Divina will resume in the Parish Centre, Willbrook Road at 7.30 on Thursday 5th September. Come share and pray the Gospel of the coming Sunday. At Lectio we look at life through the lens of the Gospel and how God speaks to each individual through the message of the Gospel. We listen, share, meditate and pray to enable us live more fully the Gospel message. All are welcome.

Rathfarnham & Ballyroan Historical Society Talk:

The Building of the Church of the Annunciation Rathfarnham.

A very special talk will be given at 6.30pm on Tuesday 17th of September by Local historian Tony Corcoran in Ballyroan Library.

The talk is free to attend but you must book your ticket on www.eventbrite.ie

Tickets are available to book from today September 1st at 10am. We look forward to seeing you there.

Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Farrell

Archbishop Farrell has issued a Pastoral Letter entitled Building Hope with Open Hearts. It launches, across the diocese, a significant new phase of the Building Hope pastoral renewal initiative and also references the World Day of Prayer for Creation 2024.



The letter can be found at the back of the Church and on the Parish Website.



The Annunciation Times

Church of the Annunciation, Rathfarnham

www.rathfarnhamparish.ie

Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle B, 1st September 2024

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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:

This Sunday, our lectionary returns to Mark's Gospel after a number of Sundays in which we heard the Bread of Life discourse from the Gospel of John. Recall that we focus on the Gospel of Mark in Lectionary Cycle B, but substitute John's report of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes for Mark's report of this event.

In today's Gospel, Mark provides a significant amount of information about the Jewish observance of ritual-purity laws. Most scholars believe that Mark includes this information because his audience includes Gentile Christians who have no knowledge or experience of these laws. We can infer, therefore, that many in Mark's community were not Jewish Christians.

In this Gospel, Mark addresses the question of which Jewish practices would also be observed in the newly emerging Christian community. This was a significant question for the early Christian Church, especially in communities that included both Jewish and Gentile converts to Christianity. We also hear this question addressed in the letters of Paul with regard to table fellowship. In Gospel passages such as the one today, we see the Gospel evangelists finding justification for a Christian practice distinct from Judaism in the remembrances of Jesus' teaching and the practice of his first disciples.

Jesus first criticizes the Pharisees for putting human tradition above God's Law. Here, Jesus is referring to the tradition of the elders, the teachings of the Pharisees, which extended the ritual-purity laws of Temple worship to everyday Jewish life. Jesus criticizes the Pharisees for making this tradition equal to and as binding as the Law of Moses.

Next, Jesus comments on the meaning behind the Pharisees' language of holiness—clean and unclean. Jesus teaches that a person is not defiled by the food that enters his or her body, but rather by sin that emerges from his or her words and actions. In this teaching, Jesus unmasks a deeper question behind the one posed to him by the Pharisees. The real issue is holiness, which is not found in external acts alone. Holiness comes from within and is evidenced in the actions and attitudes that emerge from a person's life.

If we read today's Gospel carefully, we will see a pattern in Jesus' teaching method that will be repeated in the weeks ahead. Jesus' first teaching is directed to the Pharisees who questioned him. Jesus' words are then directed to the crowd, teaching that a person is defiled by his or her words and actions, not by the food that he or she eats. In verses omitted in today's reading, we learn that Jesus returned home with his disciples, who in turn questioned him about what he had taught. The words we read at the conclusion of today's Gospel are addressed to Jesus' disciples. Mark's narrative shows several audiences for Jesus' teaching: his antagonists, the crowds, and Jesus' disciples. As we see in this reading, the words to the Pharisees are often words of challenge. The teaching to the crowds is often a general, sometimes cryptic, message. With the disciples, who often misunderstand Jesus' words, further explanation is offered about his message and its meaning. Jesus' words challenge us as well. In our desire to show that we are holy, we might also give too much credence to externals, following rules without thinking about the intention behind them. Jesus reminds us that we do not make ourselves holy by our actions. Rather, we become holy when we allow God's Spirit to transform us. Our actions should be an expression of the conversion of our heart to God and to God's ways.

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