

Week of: 28th September— 4th October 2024

Saturday: 28th September

11.00am: No Intention

Vigil Mass for Sunday

6.45pm: Donal Morrissey (3rd A)
Fr. Patrick Canon McCabe (A)
Madge McCabe (A)
Anne Hanrahan (A)
Kevin McCarthy (A)

Sunday

8.30am: No Intention

9.30am: Denise & Frank Cullen (A)

11.30am: Margaret (Peg) Farrell (A)
James Farrell (A)
Billy Bergin (A)
Shirley Hannigan (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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St Joseph's Young Priests Society

Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Friday 4th October 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"**

Rathfarnham & Ballyroan Historical Society Talk:

The Building of the Church of the Annunciation Rathfarnham.

Local historian Tony Corcoran will be giving a special talk at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 16th October, in the Church of the Annunciation Parish Hall on Willbrook Road. This follows his **sold-out** event earlier this month at Ballyroan Library. The talk is free, but if you plan to attend, please contact Jason at the Parish Office to RSVP, as we would like to have an estimate of attendees for the night. **We look forward to seeing you there.**

Return of the Family Mass & Blessing of School / College bags

A return to school special Family Mass will be held next Sunday, October 6th at the 9.30am Mass.

As the new academic year is getting underway, students, teachers and their families are invited to join us for a blessing of school / college bags at this Mass. This is a chance to bring God's blessing on all the hopes and dreams every student and their families have for the year ahead. So please share this with friends, family and neighbours by word of mouth and social media.

The Family Mass will also be celebrated on the following dates:

Sunday November 10th 9.30am and Sunday December 1st @ 9.30am.

Peace and harmony are never won once and for all. They are a duty and a mission that needs to be undertaken unceasingly, with great care and patience. #ApostolicJourney @Pontifex September 27th 2024



Interfaith Harvest / Flower Festival



There will be an Interfaith Harvest / Flower Festival on October 13th at 3pm in our Church and the guest preacher on the day will be Canon Adrienne Galligan, Church of Ireland Rathfarnham. This special celebration will be open to people of all denominations and none. We are also hoping to have a combined group from local Churches to provide music on the day. We look forward to seeing you there.

St. Mary's Boys School Enrolment



St. Mary's B.N.S.

Enrolment September 2025

Applications for pupils starting school in September 2025 opens this Tuesday 1st October.

Application forms are available on the school website www.marysbns.ie under admissions.

Church Gate collection Next weekend Oct 5th and 6th

Pure in Heart Ireland Collection: Please consider supporting Pure In Heart, which is a registered charity with the mission to promote the Catholic meaning of human sexuality and authentic love. Our culture and our young people need our support in this age of media, misinformation, and confusion. Your support can enable Pure in Heart to visit more schools and parishes throughout Ireland and to host engaging events for young people to grow in their faith and friendship with one another. Charity number: 14698



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 amounted to: €1,340 Many thanks to all who contributed so generously.

November Mass of Remembrance

November is the month we remember our deceased loved ones and all the faithful departed. This year on 8th November at 7.30pm, we will celebrate a special Mass of Remembrance for all those who died within our Parish over the last 12 months and also close relatives of those bereaved in our Parish during the last year.



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Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle B, 29th September 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:

Today we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Recall that last week we heard Jesus chastise his disciples for their argument about who among them was the greatest. Jesus taught them that the greatest among them will be those who serve the least ones. In today's Gospel, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus' name. John's question might have been motivated by jealousy. Previously in Mark's Gospel, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal. John's question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus' words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers, and they do not want to share the power of Jesus' name with others.

Today the demon possession described in the Gospels might be seen as a form of mental illness, but the need for healing these syndromes was as real then as it is now. Exorcism was a common practice in first-century Palestine. Some people had the power to heal the symptoms of possession. One of the strategies used was to invoke the name of a person or figure who was believed to have the power to heal.

The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognized the power of Jesus' name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others.

Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes "stumbling" or "causing scandal." In vivid terms Jesus teaches his disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith.

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