Mass Intentions

Week of: 12th October— 18th October 2024

Saturday: 12th October
11.00am: Funeral
Vigil Mass for Sunday
6.45pm: Máire Jenkins (M.M.)
Carmel Burke (2nd A)
Peter Church (10th A)

Sunday
8.30am: Kathleen O'Shea (A)
9.30am: No Intention
11.30am: Carmel Burke (2nd A)
Seamus Casey (A)
John & Mary McNally (A)
James & Margaret Heely (A)

Monday 10am: No Intention
Tuesday 10am: Gerard Hogan (A)
Wednesday 10am: No Intention
Thursday 10am: John Magee (1st A)
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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RARA

At the next meeting of RARA on the 5th of November, we will take a vote in relation to the survival of the RARA membership as the numbers have been continuing to fall since last year.

The Church Gate collection this weekend October 12th & 13th will be in aid of: Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals feeds over 2.4 million children every day at schools in 17 of the world's poorest countries. **For €22 a child can receive a Mary's Meal each day for a full year.** Over 96% of the money donated goes directly to the provision of food.

Over the last 8 years our Dublin volunteer Group have been supporting two schools in Africa, "Gold Camp Public School" in Liberia with 256 children at an annual cost of €5,632, and Chitala School in Zambia with 490 children at an annual cost of € 10, 780. This year we took on a third school, Namitalala School in Malawi, with 332 children.

Your Donation will feed these children, who might otherwise miss school, to work, beg, scavenge for food, gain a precious education, which can be their ladder out of poverty.

You can make this life changing work possible, and we are so grateful for your support.

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 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 in 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.**

Interfaith Harvest / Flower Festival

Our Annual Interfaith Harvest / Flower Festival takes place today, Sunday October 13th at 3pm in our Church. We are delighted to welcome Canon Adrienne Galligan of Church of Ireland Rathfarnham to preach at this special event, which is open to people of all denominations and none.

A combined group from local churches will lead the congregation in song on the day.

Refreshments will be served afterward in the Parish Hall.

All are very welcome.

Church Gate Collection next weekend: St. Vincent De Paul

The Church gate collection next weekend is in aid of the Rathfarnham St. Vincent De Paul. Your very generous donations are both needed and greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support.

Do this in Memory & First Communion Enrolment

The first Do This in Memory Mass will be next Saturday October 19th at 6.45pm. We ask that all children celebrating the Sacrament attend.

We look forward to seeing you all as we prepare for your special day.

Rathfarnham Women's Shed: Upcoming events

On Thursday October 17th in the Parish Hall Willbrook Road, the Women's Shed will have Line Dancing at 10.30am and at 11.30am there will be crafting coasters by Kyms Storiverse.

On Friday October 18th there will be Chair Aerobics at 10am in the Church of Ireland Parish Hall and also on Friday at 11am there will be a talk by Author Chris Ricketts "You don't see me".

Also the Women's Shed are looking for volunteer knitters for 30—45mins on November 7th in the Parish Hall on Willbrook Road and on November 8th at 11am in the Church of Ireland Parish Hall to help knit Christmas Ornaments which will then be sold to raise funds for children in Gaza. Please bring your own Size 3—5mm needles and any amounts of coloured wool that you have. Your time and skills will be very much appreciated.

Please contact Lynn for further information: 086-1382478

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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.

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Gospel Reflection:

Today we continue reading the Gospel of Mark from where we left off last Sunday. Last Sunday our Gospel told how Jesus was tested by the Pharisees about the requirements for divorce. Recall that these chapters come from the second part of Mark's Gospel, which chronicles the beginning of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem.

In today's Gospel, an unnamed man approaches Jesus and inquires about what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus replies that one must follow the commandments of the Law of Moses. The man acknowledges that he has observed all of these since his childhood. Jesus then says that only one thing is lacking: he must give his possessions to the poor and follow Jesus. The man leaves in sadness, and Mark tells us that this is because he had many possessions.

The belief in resurrection and eternal life was a relatively recent development in Jewish thought at Jesus' time, and it wasn't shared by everyone. The Pharisees taught that there would be a resurrection from the dead; the Sadducees did not share this belief. Jesus taught that there would be a final judgment for everyone and eternal life (the Kingdom of God) for believers.

Jesus makes two requirements of the wealthy man who approaches him. First, he must give up his possessions. Throughout history, some Christians have taken this literally. Their example witnesses to us a radical commitment to the Gospel of Jesus. Some have read this as a particular requirement directed to this specific individual. Still others have sought to explain the meaning intended by the word possessions as those things that prevent one from following Jesus. Christians have generally understood that at the least, following Jesus requires that believers hold material possessions loosely and remain vigilant against seeking security in accumulating possessions.

The second requirement Jesus makes of this man is the invitation that Jesus extends to all would-be disciples: "follow me." Jesus very much wants this man to be his disciple. We believe that the Christian faith is one in which each believer is in a personal relationship with Jesus. Just as this Gospel tells us that Jesus loves the man and is sad when he departs, so too, Jesus loves us and is saddened when we are unable to follow him.

We see in this Gospel reading another example of Mark's pattern, which shows Jesus offering further elaboration about his message and meaning to his disciples. To his disciples, Jesus laments the challenges faced by those who are rich in following him and entering the Kingdom of God. In reply to the disciples' astonishment at the strictness of the standard that Jesus speaks about today, Jesus reminds his disciples that nothing is impossible with God. Salvation is determined by our ability to rely completely upon God.

Peter replies to Jesus by boasting that the disciples have already given up everything. Jesus acknowledges that those who have given up everything for the sake of the Gospel will be rewarded. This reward begins now, in the new community that one will gain in this life, and will continue in the eternal age to come. Our personal relationship with Jesus is also an invitation to the community of faith, the Church.

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