

Week of: 5th October— 11th October 2024

Saturday: 5th October

11.00am: Patrick Ryan (16th A)

Vigil Mass for Sunday

6.45pm: Jimmy & Phyllis Dunne (A)
Robert Nicholson (A)

Sunday

8.30am: William Shiels (10th A)

9.30am: Gerard Hogan (A)

11.30am: Liam & Vera Cosgrave (A)

Maher Family (Roscrea) (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

Mass Intentions

First Communion Information Evening 8th October 8pm in the Church

This is a very special year for children who are making their First Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

The information evening for parents will explain what we will be doing in preparation for this special time. We will have the dates for the preparation masses (Do This In Memory of Me) and a time to reflect and ask any questions you may have.

I look forward to meeting you at the information meeting on 8th October @

8.00pm, please note this meeting is for both schools.

Carol McCabe, Parish Sacramental Co-Ordinator



The Church Gate collection Next 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.

Exploring Priesthood

There will be a Vocations Day "Exploring Priesthood" on Saturday, October 12, in UCD, Belfield, Dublin 4, for men who wish to find out more about diocesan priesthood and how they may take steps to discern a vocation. Further information can be found at www.vocations.ie or you can use your phone to scan the QR Code on the image.

This is open to all; however, those wishing to attend must register via the registration form on the web page above.

Interfaith Harvest / Flower Festival



An Interfaith Harvest / Flower Festival will take place next 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.

Parishioners are encouraged to donate flowers, vegetables or other produce that represents the power of creation and the abundance of the harvest. Items can be left in the large baskets at the back of the church from after mass on Wednesday 9th October until Sunday morning.

These items will form part of the display on the day and unspoiled food items will be donated afterwards to people in need in our area.

Church Gate collection this 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

Pure in Heart
Educate, Inspire, Empower



Parish Collections: August 2024

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

Collection / Donation	August
Family Envelopes	€2,951
Standing Orders	€5,337
Tap & Go Parish Donations	€1,638
Diocese Donations	€7,807

EXPLORING DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD Open Day

12th October 2024
11 am to 5 pm

UCD Belfield



For further information
and to register
scan the QR code or visit
www.vocations.ie/exploring-oct12

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The Annunciation Times

Church of the Annunciation, Rathfarnham

www.rathfarnhamparish.ie

Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle B, 6th October 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 according to Mark. For the past three Sundays, we have been hearing Mark's reports of conversations between Jesus and his disciples. Recall that in Mark's Gospel, Jesus uses these private moments to teach his disciples in greater detail about the Kingdom of God. Beginning with today's Gospel, Jesus returns to Judea, Jewish territory, and resumes his public ministry. The first verse of chapter 10 of Mark's Gospel tells us that crowds gathered around Jesus, and he taught them, as was his custom. Immediately, the Pharisees approach Jesus to test him.

The Pharisees question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. It was regulated by the Law of Moses, as found in Deuteronomy 24:1-5. This law only permits that a husband may divorce his wife if he finds her to be indecent. This is the justification that the Pharisees reference when Jesus inquires about the commandment of Moses. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God's original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention because of human stubbornness.

In private, Jesus' disciples question him further about this teaching on divorce. It is to his disciples that Jesus lays out the implications of his teaching by explaining that remarriage after divorce is adultery. Jesus' teaching was more restrictive than the teaching of the Pharisees, which permitted remarriage. Jesus further distinguished his teaching from the cultural norms of his time by applying his words equally to men and women. Jewish culture permitted only that a husband may divorce his wife. Wives were not permitted to divorce their husband for any reason, including adultery.

At first glance, the final part of today's Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce. When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God.

At the end of today's Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus' disciples show that they just don't get it. Recall that in the Gospel for each of the past two Sundays, Jesus has taught his disciples the value and importance of these "little ones" in the Kingdom of God. Yet in today's Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Again Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers.

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