

Week of: 23rd November — 29th November 2024

Saturday: 23rd November
11.00am: Special Intention

Vigil Mass for Sunday

6.45pm: Thomas Ivers Jnr (M.M.)
Tom Ivers (A)
Bridget Ivers (A)
James Ivers (A)
Kelly Ann Farrell (4th A)
Dónal Bermingham (1st A)

Sunday

8.30am: No Intention
9.30am: Nessa Weldon (A)
Maureen, Dan & Kevin O'Mahoney (A)
11.30am: Maureen Hunt (M.M.)
Catherine (Kitty) Slattery (2nd A)
Ed Heffernan (2nd A)
Diarmuid & Siobhan Glynn (A)
James Lynch (A)
Monday 10am: No Intention
Tuesday 10am: No Intention
Wednesday 10am: Nancy McGough (A)
Thursday 10am: No Intention
Friday 10am: No Intention
(1st A) First Anniversary
(M/M) Months Mind
(R.D.) Recently Deceased
(B. Rem) Birthday Remembrance

RARA

At the next meeting of Rathfarnham Active Retired Association on Tuesday 3rd of December in the Parish Centre Willbrook Road, the RARA committee will meet at 10am in the Parish Library Room followed by the AGM for all at 11am in the Parish Hall. As this is a very important AGM which will decide in a final way how to wind up RARA. It is important that all members attend.



KOINS FOR KIDS

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Koins for Kids have a home for any coin or banknote on the planet.
We are a 100% voluntary charity putting all our efforts into the funding of lifesaving equipment that will make a big impact on young lives.
No donation is too small and it can be left with Jason in the Parish office.

Parish Christmas Newsletter

The Parish Christmas Newsletter is ready for distribution to all the homes. We ask that you take a few copies to deliver to your neighbours on your road this coming week. The Christmas newsletter pack contains the Parish Christmas Newsletter, Christmas Dues Envelope and the Rathfarnham St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal Pack so its very important that it gets to every home in the Parish to help support them in the work they do in the local area. The Newsletter can be collected from the back Sacristy after any of the Masses this weekend or during the week. Thank you for your support.

Christmas
Newsletter

Lectio Divina in Advent

The Season of Advent will begin on 1st December. As a preparation for Christmas you are invited to attend our Lectio Divina meetings held in the Parish Centre, Willbrook Road at 7.30 on Thursday evenings starting Thursday 28 November for 4 weeks to 19th December. 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 on the Gospel of each Sunday to enable us live more fully the Gospel message. Let this be a special time and way of preparing for the Coming of Christ into our heart and lives.

All are welcome.

Lectio
Divina

Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver

The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver will be with us this weekend November 23rd & 24th to promote their mission calendar 2025. They will be grateful for your support.



Vocations Society of St Joseph (formerly St Josephs Young Priests Society)

The annual Mass for the Gift of the Priesthood will take place on Sunday the Feast of Christ the King, this Sunday, the 24th November at 3.30pm in St. Andrew's Parish Church, Westland Row. All are welcome to attend.

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: **€2,385** Many thanks to all who contributed so generously.



Children's Library & Prayer space.

We now have a children's Library and Prayer Space at the back of the church, please feel free to drop in with your child or grandchildren and read for a while, colour the sheets provided or pray together.

We would also like to welcome the Children to their second Do This In Memory Mass as they prepare to celebrate their First Holy Communion.



The Annunciation Times

Church of the Annunciation, Rathfarnham

www.rathfarnhamparish.ie

Christ the King (Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time), Cycle B 24th November 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.

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Gospel Reflection:

This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year. On this Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. Each year we set aside this Sunday to reflect upon this title that we have given to Jesus. In Lectionary Cycle C, we read a portion of the passion from the Gospel of John, which is also part of the Gospel reading proclaimed each year on Good Friday.

In John's Gospel, Pilate is shown in a more favourable light than in the other Gospels. In today's reading, we hear one of two dialogues between Jesus and Pilate that are reported in John's Gospel. Pilate questions Jesus about the charges brought against him. Caiaphas and the high priests have charged Jesus with a political crime, one that would require a punishment of death. Pilate distances himself from the Jewish leaders who accuse Jesus; he is not a Jew, and he seems to want little to do with this Jewish affair.

In his responses to Pilate's questions, Jesus distinguishes his kingdom from the political powers of this world. King and kingdom may be appropriate terms for Jesus' mission and promise, but only by analogy. Jesus is king, but not the kind of king we imagine or expect. He was certainly not the kind of king Pilate feared he might be.

Jesus refers to a kingdom that does not belong to this world. This has been mentioned earlier in John's Gospel. Recall that in his prayer during the Last Supper discourse (see John 17:6-18), Jesus prayed for his disciples who are in the world but do not belong to the world. Yet like Jesus, they are sent into the world for the world's salvation. In today's reading, we see Jesus identify the final proof that his kingdom is not of this world: If his kingdom were of this world, then there would be people fighting to save him. Again we hear echoes of John's theme—salvation is worked out through a cosmic battle. It is helpful to return to the first chapter of John's Gospel to understand the context for Jesus' words to Pilate. Jesus came into the world, but the world did not know him. In John's language, the world prefers the darkness, and yet the light will not be overcome by the darkness.

Truth has been another important theme in John's Gospel. We see it emphasized in the conclusion of the dialogue between Jesus and Pilate. Those who know the truth will recognize Jesus as king and will know how to interpret this insight. Yet Jesus' kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries. Only those chosen, those who have the eyes of faith, are able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we also struggle at times to recognize Jesus as king. Today's Gospel invites us to see with eyes of faith that we might recognize that Jesus, through his crucifixion and death, is indeed king and Saviour of all.

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