

Mass Intentions

Week of 28th November — 4th December 2022

Monday 10am: Funeral
 Tuesday 10am: No Intention
 Wednesday 10am: Teresa (Maisie) McCluskey (A)
 Thursday 10am: No Intention
 Friday 10am: No Intention

Saturday:
 11.00am: No Intention

(Vigil Mass for Sunday)
 6.45pm: Cathriona Murphy (2nd A)
 Tess O'Neill (6th A)
 Tom Lynch (9th A)
 Brian Dwyer (A)

Sunday:
 8.30am: No Intention
 9.30am: William & Kathleen Davis (A)

10.45am: No Intention

12.00pm: Marie Mooney (1st A)
 Don Coughlan (3rd A)
 Eoin Turner (11th A) & Deceased members of the family
 Helen & John Mc Manus (A)

(A) Anniversary
 (1st A) First Anniversary
 (M/M) Months Mind (R.D.) Recently Deceased
 (B. Rem) Birthday Remembrance
 (I) Illness

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November Altar List of the Dead

The month of November gives us the opportunity to remember our dear departed. We are currently compiling the Altar List of the Dead for the year ahead. The names on the list are remembered at the First Friday Mass throughout the year and at all weekend masses in November. If you would like to have a loved one's name included on the list please collect an envelope and sheet from the back of the church and return it to either the Sacristy, the parish office or the Presbytery.

Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver

The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver will visit our Parish next weekend and will be distributing their Mission Calendar for 2023 and promoting the works and needs of the missions. Please be as supportive as possible for this very worthy cause.

Crosscare Christmas Appeal

This Christmas, Crosscare are asking for help for the Food Poverty Service, Crosscare supports families who find it hard to provide nutritious food. Sadly, almost 800 families and individuals, including 1,000 children, have needed help from the Service this year and demand is likely to increase in the coming months. Crosscare ensures they have a good supply of food while at the same time looking at all the issues that may have brought them into food poverty. If you can, you can donate online at www.crosscare.ie or call 01 8360011 or send a cheque or postal order to Crosscare Christmas Appeal, 2 Saint Mary's Place North, Dublin D07 Y768. Envelopes will also be made available in all Parish Churches in the coming weeks.



Acts of violence and exploitation directed at women are not merely wrong. They are crimes that destroy the harmony, the harmony and beauty that God wished to bestow on the world.
 @Pontifex November 25th 2022



Monthly Collection Amounts

August	September
Family Envelopes €631	Family Envelopes €4,613
Standing Orders €6,442	Standing Orders €7,094
Diocese €9,779	Diocese €9,320

October
 Family Envelopes €877
 Standing Orders €5,599
 Diocese €12,582

Thank you

Crosscare €4,185
 Mission Sunday €2,200

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Advent Letter: The Time Has Come

At the back of the church this weekend you will find Archbishop Farrell's Advent Pastoral Letter, entitled The Time Has Come. Please ensure to pick up a copy.



Loreto Primary School Christmas Fair

The Loreto Primary School Christmas Fair is back again this year. It starts today Sunday 27th at 12.30pm- 3.30pm Do come along and join the fun. Prizes galore, Bottle Stall. Wheel of Fortune, Mulled wine and of course a special visitor, Festive Music and entertainment. Hoping to see you



Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Friday 2nd December 2022 from 10.30am to 3.30 pm. to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. St Joseph's Young Priests Society requests for volunteers to commit to at least one-half hour during the day to pray for this urgent need in our diocese. It is necessary that there is always somebody present in the Church during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and names can be given after Mass during the week or contact Jason in the Parish Office. Thanking all of 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 laborers are few.'



The Annunciation Times

Church of the Annunciation, Rathfarnham

www.rathfarnhamparish.ie

First Sunday of Advent, Cycle A 27th November 2022

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Rathfarnham is one of three parishes grouped together; our sister parishes are Ballyroan and Churchtown.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 6:45pm

Sunday Morning: 8.30am (Irish Mass), 9.30am, 10.45am & 12pm

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: Can be arranged via the Sacristan.

Baptisms: 1st and 3rd Saturday of the Month.

NOW TAKING BAPTISM BOOKINGS FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2023



Gospel Reflection:

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew's Gospel is dated by most scholars after 70 A.D. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centered on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situation: Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There may have been Christians who believed that the events of the world around them gave evidence of the imminent return of the Lord in glory.

The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be.

The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know that our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.

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