

Week of: 2nd November — 8th November 2024

Saturday: 2nd November

11.00am: No Intentions

Vigil Mass for Sunday

6.45pm: Paddy Hennigan (8th A)
Carol Heavy (10th A)
Mats Karlsson (A)

Sunday

8.30am: Harry & Sheila White (A)
Martha Carney (A)

9.30am: Harry O'Reilly (A)

11.30am: Anne Rahman (M.M.)
Patricia Hennessy (1st A)
Breda Costello (7th A)
Margaret Clifford (A)
Una Byrne (A)

Monday 10am: Lorna Brett (A)

Alban O'Callaghan (A)

Mary & Charles Donnelly (A)

Tuesday 10am: No Intention

Wednesday 10am: Lorna Brett (A)

Thursday 10am: Edward Byrne (1st A)

Friday 10am: Joe McGough (A)

(1st A) First Anniversary

(M/M) Months Mind

(R.D.) Recently Deceased

(B. Rem) Birthday Remembrance

(I) Illness

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Share Collection 2024

The Annual Share Collection takes place **NEXT** weekend, November 9th and 10th. While the purpose of the Share collection has evolved over the years, it is a significant source of funding and encouragement in the Archdiocese, strengthening parish life and ministry. Importantly, Share also provides much needed financial support to disadvantaged parishes where alternative funding cannot be secured. It is necessary for all of us to become more aware of the challenges faced in different parishes in our Diocese. Through Share we show practical support for parishes beyond our own parish partnership, particularly those in most need. Thank you in anticipation for giving what you can on this Share Appeal Sunday, and for your continued support for Share at the second collection every Sunday throughout the year, as together we seek to build up and renew the Church locally.

Dermot Farrell, Archbishop of Dublin

SHARE

November Mass of Remembrance

November is the month we remember our deceased loved ones and all the faithful departed.

Next Friday, 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. We extend a special invite to all family members, loved ones and friends of the departed. The Mass of Remembrance will be live streamed on the Parish Webcam for those who cannot attend.

We hope you can join us, either in person or online.



Let us pray for martyred Ukraine and for Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Myanmar, South Sudan, and for all peoples suffering from war. War is always a defeat, always! War is also ignoble, for it is the triumph of lies and falsehood. @Pontifex November 1st 2024



Vocations Society of St Joseph (Formerly St Joseph's Young Priests Society)

Rathfarnham Branch of the Society extend sincere gratitude for your generous donations to the Society of €1270 at last weekend's outdoor collection. You will all be remembered in Masses celebrated for the Society's members and benefactors.

Lectio Divina

"Looking at life through the lens of the Gospel"
Lectio Divina continues in the Parish Centre, Willbrook Road at 7.30 on Thursday 31st October and every Thursday. Come share and pray the Gospel of the coming Sunday. 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 to enable us live more fully the Gospel message. All are welcome.

Parish Autumn Newsletter

The last of the Parish Autumn Newsletters were delivered this week. A big thank you to the select few who helped with the deliveries. We are always looking for more help with getting the Newsletters out to homes in the parish so if you can help please leave your name with Jason in the Parish Office or Paul in the Sacristy. Thank you for your help, it is very much appreciated.

Rathfarnham Women's Shed: Upcoming events

The Rathfarnham 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



The Annunciation Times

Church of the Annunciation, Rathfarnham

www.rathfarnhamparish.ie

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B 3rd 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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JANUARY 2025 ONWARDS**



Gospel Reflection:

As we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, our Lectionary skips a chapter that helps set the context for today's reading. If we were to read the sections skipped (chapter 11 and part of chapter 12), we would hear about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, his cleansing of the Temple, and the questioning of Jesus' authority by the chief priests, scribes, and elders. The context, therefore, for this Gospel is Jesus' growing exposure before the Jewish authorities. Jesus is being questioned and tested by the Jewish authorities, yet the scribe who addresses Jesus in today's Gospel seems to be an admirer; he is not testing Jesus.

The question posed in today's Gospel requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional commandments, numbering into the hundreds. For a devout Jew, adherence to the Mosaic Law is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of these commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus was not the only Jewish religious teacher to connect these two commandments, love of God and love of neighbour. Both of these commandments were central elements of the religious tradition that Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed, these commandments continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor. Many believe, however, that this connection was heard in a new and fresh way when spoken by Jesus.

The scribe who questions Jesus in today's Gospel engages in a positive dialogue with Jesus. He agrees with Jesus' teaching that the commandments to love God and love neighbor stand above the commandment to offer worship and sacrifice in the Temple. With this dialogue, Jesus appears to close the debate with the Jewish authorities. Mark reports that no one dared to question Jesus further.

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