

Week of 7th November — 13th November 2022

Monday 10am: No Intention
Tuesday 10am: Joe McGough (A)
Seamus Tarpey (A) & the
deceased members of the Tarpey Family
Wednesday 10am: No Intention
Thursday 10am: Sonny O'Reilly (A)
Friday 10am: No Intention

Saturday:
11.00am: No Intention
(Vigil Mass for Sunday)
6.45pm: Do This in Memory (St. Mary's Boys)
Sunday :

8.30am: Georgina Day (A)
9.30am: Do This in Memory (Loreto Girls)
10.45am: Patrick O'Connor (A)
Teddy Smyth (A)
Andrew Whelan (A)
12.00pm: Patrick Power (41st A)

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



Mass Intentions

Our Parish: Renew, Refresh & Relaunch

The Parish Pastoral Council is inviting all parishioners (church going and non-church going) to the Parish Renewal Weekend this weekend when we will have a Marquee in the Church grounds where all are welcome to join the parish team and their fellow parishioners for a 'catch-up' over tea / coffee and cakes after each mass and **RENEW** the sense of community our Parish has always celebrated.

While many parishioners have returned to our various sacraments and celebrations there are those who, for a variety of reasons, have been reluctant to participate in person and we are actively seeking to encourage as many as possible to celebrate with us.

This weekend is also an opportunity to mark the start of the journey we began as a Parish with our **Building Hope Gathering** earlier this year where many parishioners spoke of the importance of feelings of belonging, of having a voice, of inclusiveness and of acknowledging that everyone has something of value to contribute.

We are also looking to **REFRESH** our various Parish Ministries. We have over 30 Ministries, some of which will be very familiar to most, others less so, but all offer the opportunity to become involved in the life of the parish. Perhaps a 'chat' may lead to an unexpected journey over the coming months.

We are also hoping to **RELAUNCH** the spirit of our **Building Hope** initiative where many people expressed a desire to have better representation within our Church structures, particularly in leadership roles, and the process to establish the next Parish Pastoral Council will reflect that aspiration and be another step in this journey.

Another key theme from **Building Hope** was the recognition that the youth within our Parish should have their voices heard and should feel like valued members of the Parish Community. To that end we are hoping to take forward a Youth Ministry and are keen to hear from anyone who would like to get involved. There are no set criteria for volunteering, except genuine enthusiasm, a positive outlook and ideally those with a Tik Tok or Instagram profile! Looking forward to seeing you there.

In the garden of humanity, we are playing with fire, missiles and bombs, with weapons that bring sorrow and death, covering our common home with ashes and hatred. I extend my heartfelt appeal to everyone that the war in #Ukraine be ended and that serious #peace negotiations begin
@Pontifex November 4th 2022



Special Mass of Remembrance 2022

This Mass will take place next **Friday November 11th at 7.30pm in the Church.** The Mass is for those who have lost a loved one in the past 12 months.

In relation to the renewal of the PPC and to allow time for further nominations to be submitted we have extended the closing date to 4pm on the 24th November 2022. A new date for the information meeting for nominees will be arranged in due course.



Do this in Memory Mass Times

Please note, next weekend the First Communion preparation Mass for St. Marys Boys will be Saturday at 6.45pm and the Loreto Girls preparation Mass will be on Sunday at 9.30pm.

Share Appeal Sunday

Share Appeal Sunday takes place next weekend the 12th & 13th of November, highlighting the important work that is funded by the weekly collection. There will be a Newsletter at the back of the Church giving an overview of the benefits of the Share collection to all parishes in the Dublin Diocese.



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.



Rathfarnham Theatre Group presents:

Oscar Wilde's Lady Windermere's Fan

The run starts Wed 9th until Sat 12th of November at 8pm in the dlr Mill Theatre in Dundrum Town Centre.

Tickets range from €16 / €14 or €10 each for groups of 10 or more. Special Matinee price of €14 on Saturday 12th at 3pm

The Annunciation Times

Church of the Annunciation, Rathfarnham

www.rathfarnhamparish.ie

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C 30th October 2022



Contact details:

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:

In today's Gospel, we hear about an encounter between Jesus and some Sadducees. The Sadducees were a party of Judaism active in Jesus' time, descended from the priestly family of Zadok. They were literal interpreters of the written Law of Moses, which means that they were in disagreement with the position of the Pharisees, who offered an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses.

The Sadducees are described in this Gospel as opponents to the belief in resurrection. In the dialogue presented here, we see an example of the means of disputation that was common in first century Judaism. The Sadducees use the example of Levirate marriage, found in the Law of Moses, to disprove belief in the resurrection. According to Deuteronomy 25:5-10, if a man died without producing an heir, the man's brother should marry his wife and the offspring of this union would inherit the property and carry on the name of the man who had died. The Sadducees use this as an example to challenge belief in the resurrection.

Jesus argues from the same written Law of Moses to show that there is resurrection. Using the texts from the Book of Exodus (Chapter 3) that describe Moses' encounter with God in the burning bush, Jesus shows that God is the God of the living, not the dead. Here Jesus uses the same method and texts of the Sadducees to counter them. As the Gospel text suggests, he beat them at their own game!

More importantly, in this discourse Jesus shows the limits of our imaginations when it comes to eternal life. The Sadducees argued against resurrection because of the limits of earthly existence. They did not imagine another possibility for existence and relationship with God. Jesus proposes that the possibilities of resurrected life are beyond our imaginations. Jesus' conclusion suggests something else as well: To spend time worrying about resurrected life is to miss the point. The point is eternal relationship with God is possible, for God is the God of the living, "... for to him all are alive."

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