

Week of: 16th November — 22nd November 2024

Saturday: 16th November

11.00am: No Intention

Vigil Mass for Sunday

6.45pm: Eileen Fitzsimons (M.M.)
Paddy Fitzsimons (A)
Mary Prendergast (3rd A)

Sunday

8.30am: Georgie Day (A)
9.30am: Charles Moreland (14th A)
Alice Raitt (8th A)
11.30am: Niall McDermott (M.M.)
Alice Raitt (8th A)
Mary Prendergast (3rd A)
Madeline McAuliffe (2nd A)
Geraldine Hourican (6th 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

(I) Illness

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Parish Collections: September & October 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	Sept	Oct
Family Envelopes	€3,431	€2,126
Standing Orders	€6,386	€6,011
Tap & Go Parish Donations	€1,544	€1,406
Diocese Donations	€ 8,567	€8,019
Special Collection	Crosscare €3,265	Missions €2,460

Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver

The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver will be with us on next weekend November 23rd & 24th to promote their mission calendar 2025.

They will be grateful for your support.



Church Gate Collection this weekend:

St. Vincent De Paul

The Church gate collection this weekend is in aid of the Rathfarnham St. Vincent De Paul. As we approach winter the needs of those who avail of the services of the St. Vincent de Paul increase. We ask during these winter months that you be as generous as possible. We understand that it is a tough time for all. Thank you for your support of this very worthy



Assisting the vulnerable is always a privilege, because theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven (Mt 5:3). Each time we approach a vulnerable person and offer our help, we have the opportunity to touch the flesh of Christ.
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Travelling Monstrance for Vocations –

Blessed by Pope St John Paul II

St Patrick's Church, Monkstown, next Monday, November 18.

A special monstrance, one of six that were blessed by Pope John Paul II on November 24, 2004, for the purpose of praying for an increase in vocations, is being brought to Ireland and will be visiting 12 dioceses around Ireland between Monday, November 18, and Friday, November 29.

The monstrance will be in St Patrick's Church in Monkstown next Monday and will be available for Adoration between 2:30pm and 5pm and then later that evening for a Holy Hour from 7:30pm to 8:30pm.

We encourage as many people as possible who can find the time to visit St Patrick's, Monkstown, to pray for an increase in vocations in the Archdiocese of Dublin, either for a short period in the afternoon or for the Holy Hour and Benediction later that evening at 7:30pm.



Trócaire Special Collection

We are pleased to report the final total for the Trócaire Special Collection during Lent 2024 was €18,136. This money will go a long way to help those who are in need and we are very thankful for your donations.



Calling All Beaufort Past Pupils!

We are keen to rekindle the tradition of the Past Pupils choir singing on Christmas Day. If you are, or know someone who was, a former pupil, and you would like to join the choir for this special day, then we would love to hear from you. Register your interest / availability by emailing singrathfarnham@gmail.com or send a message to parish music director, Fiona Baldwin on 087-684 2289.

Lectio Divina

"Looking at life through the lens of the Gospel"
Lectio Divina continues in the Parish Centre, Willbrook Road at 7.30pm 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.



The Annunciation Times

Church of the Annunciation, Rathfarnham

www.rathfarnhamparish.ie

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B 17th 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.

NOW TAKING BAPTISM BOOKINGS FOR JANUARY 2025 ONWARDS



Gospel Reflection:

This Sunday is the second to last Sunday of our liturgical year. As we approach the end of the Church year, our Gospel invites us to consider Jesus' predictions and teaching about the end of the world. In the context of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words about this are spoken to his disciples as he prepares them for his passion and death.

Before we consider Jesus' words, it is important to note the political backdrop against which many think Mark's Gospel was written. Most scholars concur that Mark wrote his Gospel for Christians living in or near Rome about 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus. This was a time of political turmoil in Rome. Some Christians experienced persecution by the Romans during the reign of the emperor Nero (about 64 A.D.). Jewish revolutionaries rebelled against the Romans, which led the Romans to destroy the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D. In this time of political turmoil and persecution, many in Mark's community might have wondered if the end times predicted by Jesus were in fact quite near.

Last Sunday we heard Jesus' observation about the contributions being made to the temple treasury and the example of sacrificial giving that he saw in the poor widow's offering. If we had been reading Mark's Gospel continuously, we would have heard Jesus predict the destruction of the Temple, his teaching about the costs of discipleship, and the woes that will accompany the end times. Finally, we would have heard Jesus instruct his disciples about the need for watchfulness so that they will not be caught unprepared for this final day of judgment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues this teaching by offering his disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery, especially images found in the Book of Daniel. Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father. In the verses that follow this reading in Mark's Gospel, Jesus continues to warn his disciples to be on watch for this end time.

Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us.

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