

Week of: 30th November — 6th December 2024

Saturday: 30th November

11.00am: Funeral

Vigil Mass for Sunday

6.45pm: John (5th A) & Patricia (3rd A)
Heffernan
Christine Scanlon (A)

Sunday

8.30am: No Intention

9.30am: William & Kathleen Davis (A)

11.30am: Sheila Kiely (1st A)
Teresa Maisie McCluskey (A)
Don Coghlan (5th A)
Tess O'Neill (8th A)
Moira O'Connell (A)
Joe Keogh (A)

Monday 10am: Funeral

Tuesday 10am: Special Intention

Wednesday 10am: No Intention

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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Rathfarnham St Vincent de Paul (SVP): Christmas Appeal

The members of Rathfarnham SVP would like to thank everyone who supported us in our appeal last December, and throughout 2024. We are very grateful for your generosity at our monthly Church Gate collections, and to those who have set up regular contributions by way of standing orders. Your donations are greatly valued, and this is, for some of you, our only chance to say Thank You.

Unfortunately, there are a number of families within our community who need your help. SVP seeks to identify those less fortunate and do what we can, to assist them cope with their financial difficulties. You can help through our envelope appeal which is distributed to houses in our parish or to our Annual Collection which takes place at all Masses on Dec 7th and 8th at Rathfarnham Church. Thank You



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 members at 11am in the Parish Hall. 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.**

Sisters of St. Peter Claver

We, Sisters of St. Peter Claver, would like to thank the parishioners of the Church of the Annunciation parish for your warm welcome received last weekend (23/24 Nov.) while promoting our mission calendars. The proceeds came to €1,266.06. We are deeply grateful for your generous support. Please be assured of our heartfelt prayers in return.

Sincerely, The Sisters



Parish Christmas Newsletter

The Parish Christmas newsletter pack which contains the Parish Christmas Newsletter, Christmas Dues Envelope and the Rathfarnham St. Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal Pack has now been delivered to every home in the Parish. Thank you to those who helped deliver, your help is very much appreciated.



Vocations Society of St Joseph

(Formerly St Joseph's Young Priests Society)

Eucharistic Adoration will take place on **THURSDAY 5TH** December 2024 after 10.00 am Mass to 3.30 pm. to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Volunteers are required to commit to at least one half hour as it is necessary that there is always somebody present in the Church during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Names will be taken after Masses during the week. Thanking you for 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 labourers are few.'

Lectio Divina in Advent

The Season of Advent will begin today, 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 and continuing for 4 weeks up to the 19th of 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.



Marley Grange Parish

Advent Service Monday
2nd December at 8pm
With the participation of the choir. All are very welcome.



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First Sunday of Advent Cycle C Sunday December 1st 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:

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent 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. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice. In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle C). Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

The community for whom Luke wrote his Gospel may have believed that they were already experiencing some of the events Jesus described. Most scholars believe that Luke's Gospel was written after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. At the time, many Christians interpreted this event as an indication that Jesus' second coming was near.

Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unfailing love for us in all circumstances.

Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world.

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