

Week of: 7th December — 13th December 2024

Saturday: 7th December

11.00am: Breda Fitzsimons (1st A)

**Vigil Mass for Sunday**

6.45pm: Patricia Ryan (M.M.)  
Cathriona Murphy (4th A)  
Philip Prendergast (A)  
Eileen & Edward Dunne (A)

**Sunday**

8.30am: No Intention

9.30am: Cora Egan (1st A)  
Elisabetta Lanciotti (A)

11.30am: Maureen Hennessy—Dowling (B.Rem)  
Leo Weir (A)  
Eoin Turner & deceased members of  
the Turner family.  
Helen & John McManus (A)  
Tommy Andrews (A) and his son  
Patrick Andrews (A)  
Angela Cronin (4th A)

Monday 10am: No Intention

Tuesday 10am: No Intention

Wednesday 10am: No Intention

Thursday 10am: Mary McAdam (2nd A)

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 this weekend. Thank You



## Feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Dec 9th

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, which is normally celebrated on the 8th of December, falls today, a Sunday. Since Sundays in Advent take precedence, the Feast Day is transferred to the nearest available day, which is tomorrow, Monday the 9th. However, the obligation is not transferred, so Mass will be celebrated as a normal weekday at 10 a.m. tomorrow, with no additional evening Mass.

## Rathfarnham and Ballyroan Historical Society

The final talk in our series for 2024 will be held next Tuesday, on December 10th in Ballyroan Library at 6.30. Alan Kinsella will present a talk on political posters and political discourse past and present. Details and link below. The talk is Free but please book your seat! Alan's talk: 'Political Posters and Discourse Past and Present' with Alan Kinsella Tickets, Tue, Dec 10, 2024 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite



REFRESHMENTS AFTERWARDS IN THE PARISH CENTRE

## Bambinelli Mass NEXT Saturday December 14th 6.45pm

Bambinelli Mass is a special Mass where the Children will be invited to the Altar for the blessing of Baby Jesus (Bambinelli) figurines for their Christmas crib.



This year it will tie into our Do This In Memory programme and will be celebrated at the 6.45pm Mass on Saturday December 14th.

The Mass is open to all to attend and figurines bought by grandparents will also be blessed.

After the blessing the children are invited to wrap up their baby Jesus and to place him under their Christmas Tree.

On Christmas morning the Bambinelli is the first Christmas gift to be unwrapped and placed in the family crib.

## Lectio Divina in Advent

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 12th and continuing for the next two weeks. 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.



## The Annunciation Times

Church of the Annunciation, Rathfarnham

[www.rathfarnhamparish.ie](http://www.rathfarnhamparish.ie)

Second Sunday of Advent Cycle C Sunday December 8th 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 FEBRUARY 2025 ONWARDS**

## Gospel Reflection:

This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation.

The three Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke—attest to the importance of the baptism of John in preparing for Jesus. Only the Gospel of Luke, however, extends the connection between these two men to their birth. The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel contain the Infancy Narrative, which tells about the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. These stories set the stage for the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in chapter 3.

The evangelist Luke is the author of the Gospel that bears his name, and he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles as a continuation of the story of Jesus and the Church. In these two works, Luke's sense of time and history emerges. He identifies three epochs of salvation history: the time before Christ, the time of Christ, and the time of the Church and the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel reading, as elsewhere, John the Baptist is presented as the figure who bridges the time before Christ and prepares the way for Christ's own ministry.

In today's Gospel we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.

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