



# Parish of the Annunciation, Rathfarnham

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## Parish Update:

We are happy to report that Father Michael is doing well after his recent surgery. It will be sometime however before Michael is back with us. We have managed to secure support from 2 priests, Fr. Tim Lehane and Fr. Liam Dunne for the coming weeks and to whom we are very grateful. It will not however be possible for us to continue with the current schedule of Masses. As and from Sunday the 1st of August 2021 the mass times will be as follows:

- 10am Weekday and 11am (The only Mass at this time in our grouping) & 6.45pm Saturday Masses to continue as is at present.
- Sunday Masses will be at 8:30am (Irish), 9.30am and 10:45am. There will be no 12:00pm Noon Mass but it is available in Churchtown at this time.

These arrangements will be in place until further notice.

We are very conscious that the loss of the 12 o'clock Mass will put pressure on numbers at the other Masses. Unfortunately, this is the position we currently find ourselves in and we need to be mindful that the availability of priests to continue with our normal schedule of Masses will be an ongoing issue for the future. We are still currently restricted to 50 attendees at each Mass and as always it is on a first come basis.

**Mass will continue to be available on our website and there continues to be no obligation to attend Mass during the current restrictions.**

We are also very conscious of the large number of parishioners awaiting the celebration of the Sacraments of First Communion, Confirmation and Baptism and we are resolved to deal with this as soon as it is safe to do so, and when we have both Diocesan and Government approval.

Hopefully as the pandemic subsides some semblance of normal parish life can return, and we will need to relaunch our parish - groups and activities and we are committed to doing that.

We thank you for your understanding and the support of very many of you at this time.

**Fr. Martin Cosgrove**  
Moderator of the Rathfarnham Grouping of Parishes

**Maurice Priestley**  
Chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council.