



# The Annunciation Times

## Church of the Annunciation, Rathfarnham

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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 7th November 2021

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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**

**Working Holy Days:**

**Vigil: 7:30pm. Morning: 10:00am**

**Evening: 7:30pm**

**Weekdays: Monday. to Friday 10:00am**

**Saturdays & Bank Holidays: 11:00am**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
Postponed until further notice

**Baptisms: 1st and 3rd Saturday of the Month.**

**NOW TAKING BAPTISM BOOKINGS FOR 2022.**



### Gospel Reflection

The context for today's Gospel continues to be mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish authorities. Mark reports some of Jesus' teaching in the Temple area in today's reading and in the preceding verses not included in our Lectionary sequence. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus warn the crowds not to follow the example of the scribes in seeking honour and attention from others. It is important to recall that Mark indicates that Jesus taught these things while in the vicinity of the Temple in Jerusalem. Mark is setting the stage for Jesus' passion.

Jesus then observes how Jewish pilgrims are making their contributions to the temple treasury. The Temple in Jerusalem was the centre of Jewish worship in the time of Jesus. It was expected that observant Jews would make pilgrimages to the Temple to offer prayer and sacrifices. Pilgrims were also expected to make a financial contribution to the temple treasury.

As we would expect to be the case, Jesus observes that those who were rich contributed large sums to the treasury. Those with less means made smaller contributions. A similar situation exists in most of our parishes as well. Jesus calls attention, however, to a poor widow who makes the smallest of contributions—two coins of little value. Jesus upholds the poor widow's offering for his disciples' consideration, commending her because her small offering was an act of profound generosity, giving from her livelihood rather than her surplus.

To give from our livelihood is not only an act of generosity, it is also an act of trust in God. We can only give from our need if we trust that God will provide for us. Jesus himself demonstrates the ultimate act of generosity and trust in God as he gives his life for us on the cross.

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<https://www.loyolapress.com/>

### Resumption of 12pm Mass

We are very pleased to announce that the 12pm Sunday Mass will resume on the First Sunday of Advent, the 28th of November. The decision was made following the completion of the outstanding Sacramental work backlog from 2020 and 2021 and the (reasonable) levels of health of the priests of the parish. We look forward to you joining with us on the 28th.



## Mass Intentions

Week of 8th November — 14th November 2021

**Monday 10am: Joe McGough (A)**  
**Tuesday 10am: Nora O'Sullivan (A)**  
**Patrick O'Shea (A)**  
**Wednesday 10am: Sonny O'Reilly (A) and Deceased members of the O'Reilly Family**  
**Thursday 10am: No Intention**  
**Friday 10am: Michael Burke (A)**

**Saturday:**

**11am: Jimmy & Betty Fogarty (A)**

**Vigil Mass for Sunday:**

**6.45pm: Jimmy & Betty Fogarty (A)**  
**Thomas Paul O'Reilly (A) & Mary O'Reilly (A)**  
**Patrick J. Power (37th A)**

**Sunday :**

**8.30am: No Intention**

**9.30am: Hugh & Nancy Mcloughlin (A)**  
**Brian Cullinan (A)**

**10.45am: Geraldine Hourican (3rd A)**  
**Andrew Whelan (8th A)**

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

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### Ms. Marie Cruise

It is with great sadness, but with much gratitude, that parishioners have learned of the recent death of Marie Cruise after a long illness.

Marie gave a long life of very dedicated service to our parish, our schools, particularly to Loreto Beaufort and the wider community in the whole area of Music Ministry. We won't see her likes again.

We give thanks to God for her and the great spirit of generosity with which she put her talents at the disposal of us all.

Her generosity extended beyond death for she has donated her body to medical research.

It was her express wish, in the spirit of the private person that she was, to have no funeral ceremony at the time of her death. Hopefully, at an appropriate time, it will be possible to celebrate her life.

The genuine and sincere sympathy of all of us goes to her family, her many friends and admirers. May she rest in peace.

Fr. Martin & Fr. Michael and all the Parish Team



Being a member of the people of God is a gift, a responsibility: the responsibility of witnessing by our deeds, not just our words, to God's wonderful works, which, once known, help people to acknowledge his existence and to receive his salvation.  
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### Looking at life through the lens of the Gospel

*'Oh, that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts' Psalm 94*

Have you found it difficult at times to hear the 'Good News' of the Gospel?

Have you stopped believing or have you been wounded by all that has happened in our church and society and now walk a different path?

**Lectio Divina** is a method of looking at life through the lens of the Gospel. By reflection, meditation and prayer one explores how the Gospel speaks to us in our time. This is the message Jesus delivered with love and compassion, so that, each one can see, hear and act with new vision and hope.

If you are interested in exploring the Gospel of the Sunday readings, Lectio meetings continue on Zoom on Thursday evenings 7.30-8.30 pm. The situation will be reviewed with regard to meeting in the Parish Centre as soon as possible.

Please contact Jason at [parishoffice@rathfarnhamparish.com](mailto:parishoffice@rathfarnhamparish.com) or 014958695 with your email address and telephone no. to enable you receive a Zoom invitation to the meeting.

If you have any further questions Jason will refer you to a member of the team.

### TRÓCAIRE SPECIAL APPEAL FOR EAST AFRICA

The Bishops of Ireland have called for a national Church collection on the 6th and 7th of November to support Trócaire in providing life-saving aid to vulnerable communities in East Africa and DRC, where millions of people are being pushed to the edge of starvation. Trócaire teams are already responding on the ground, and are ready to provide more life-saving assistance but need more resources. Any support the Parish can give to this Emergency Appeal will help the urgent work of Trócaire and their hardworking local partners. The SHARE collection this weekend will be in aid of this appeal and there will also be Special envelopes at the back of the Church.

### Parish Autumn Newsletter distribution:

We are very grateful to those who have already helped deliver the vast majority of the Parish Autumn Newsletter to the homes of the parish but a few still remain undelivered. If you could help us by delivering the last few it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you all for your help delivering the newsletter so far.