



The Annunciation Times

Church of the Annunciation, Rathfarnham

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 14th November 2021

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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

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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Mass Intentions

Week of 15th November — 21st November 2021

Monday 10am: Teddy Smyth (A)

Tuesday 10am: Funeral

Wednesday 10am: Mary Murphy (M.M)

Thursday 10am: No Intention

Friday 10am: No Intention

Saturday:

11am: Nancy McGough (A)

Fiona Cribben (2nd A)

Vigil Mass for Sunday:

6.45pm: Kelly Ann Farrell (1st A)

Bridie & Tommy Hickey (A)

Belinda & Peter Leonard (A) &

Daughter Geraldine O'Dowd (A)

Sunday :

8.30am: No Intention

9.30am: Elizabeth O'Toole (A)

10.45am: James Lynch (31st A)

Kathleen Nolan (2nd A)

Norman Mongan (5th 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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New Sacristan

The role of Sacristan has been now been filled we would like to welcome Mr. Paul Moreland to the Parish. Paul will be taking on the role of Sacristan and will begin on Tuesday the 16th of November. We would like to wish Paul a very warm welcome to the parish.

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 at 12pm on Sunday the 28th of November.

TRÓCAIRE SPECIAL APPEAL FOR EAST AFRICA

We would like to say a special thank you to those who donated to the special Trócaire appeal last weekend. To those who missed the collection but would still like to donate there are still some Special Trócaire envelopes at the back of the Church.

TV Mass

The Mass on RTE this coming Tuesday the 16th of November will be broadcast from our Church and celebrated by Fr. Michael Coady. The broadcast will begin at 10.30am and can be found on the RTE NEWS CHANNEL.

Parish Autumn Newsletter distribution:

If anyone could deliver the last 59 envelopes to: Edenbrook Manor, Edenbrook Court, Riversdale, Willbrook Grove. It would be greatly appreciated.

It is time that the poor be given back their voice, because for too long their requests have remained unheard.

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Parish Christmas Newsletter



The Parish Christmas Newsletter is going to print on the 29th of November. If you would like to contribute to the Newsletter please can you submit your content on or before Wednesday the 24th of November at 5pm to parishoffice@rathfarnhamparish.com with the Subject Line: Christmas Newsletter.



Archdiocese of Dublin
Ard Deoise Átha Cliath

The Covid-19 pandemic has been a particularly difficult time for those who have lost loved ones and have often had to cope with their grief without many of the usual spiritual and community supports.

To pastorally support everyone who has suffered the pain of bereavement during the pandemic, and in the context of the month of November as the traditional time when we remember our dead, **today Sunday, 14 November at 3.00pm, the Bishops of Ireland will undertake a pilgrimage to the International Eucharistic and Marian Shrine in Knock.** The bishops will concelebrate Mass for all those who have died in our country during the pandemic, and for their families. At the Mass the bishops will also offer prayers of thanksgiving for all those who so selflessly sacrificed so much during the pandemic. This Mass will be live-streamed on www.knockshrine.ie and broadcast on the RTÉ News Now digital television channel and online.

Synodal Pathway Animator Role for the Parish

The parish is seeking two volunteers to take on the roles of voluntary Animators for the parish. The role will be to animate local assemblies for the Synodal Pathway and will involve the following:

- To organise together with the PPC a local gathering where people can share in an environment of prayer and acceptance
- To enable participants to listen well to each other
- To support a prayerful process of discernment in the parish
- To ensure that anyone who wants to take part is included

Training will be provided by the Dublin Diocese and resources will be made available to. If you would be interested please send an email to Fr. Martin at mfc7534@gmail.com or contact Maurice Priestley C/O the Parish Office. More information can be found on the Notice Board at the back of the Church