

WELCOME TO

Mary Immaculate, Refuge of Sinners, Rathmines
Sunday 21 September 2025 Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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HOMILY

In this Gospel passage Christ seems to be praising an out-and-out crook, a man who was consciously dishonest, calculating and deceptive.

But the point being made is a simple one. The manager knew what he wanted. He set himself a clear goal and then ordered his abilities, his resources, to the achievement of that goal. He didn't simply sit back and let his life happen to him. Rather, he made his life happen the way he decided it should.

So, of course, Christ is not praising dishonesty and deception, but he is praising the conscious, reflective calculation of the man. Christ is praising the ability to honestly look at the course of one's life, clarifying what matters and what doesn't, and then assuming control, assuming responsibility, realigning one's resources, one's abilities, in accord with that clarified vision.

There is an old word that sums all that up, really, the word "stewardship." It means to make the best, the most successful use of whatever we have been given.

We have time - each of us exactly the same amount. It is always interesting to wonder whether or not a person who knew absolutely nothing about me would be able to watch a time lapse film of the last twenty-four hours, or the last year, and be able to tell from that what my goals, my values are. Would the way I use time really show as true what I say is important to me?

We have, each of us, some material possessions. We each have some influence over at least some of the material wealth of the world, and our distinctive footprints are left on the world by the use of that wealth.

We have, as individuals and as a people, a staggering range of skills, talents. We have intelligence, we have curiosity, we have the ability to see and to create humour. We have the ability to appreciate and to create beauty, perhaps the surest path to be taken in drawing ourselves beyond the moment and into the dimension of the spirit. We have imagination, we have perseverance, we have courage, we have patience, all great gifts, all instruments of great power.

"Stewardship" is a good word. It is what we are called to do, how we are called to live in God's world. Those who do that well, those who manage fruitfully the resources with which they have been entrusted, it is they whom the Father calls good.

Please join us for **Tea & Coffee** **this and every Sunday after 11am Mass** in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

You may also like to join us **after 10am Mass every Thursday**

MASS TIMES RATHMINES CHURCH
Saturday 6pm (Vigil)
Sunday 11am, 6pm (Folk)
Tues/Thurs/Fri 10am
Preceded by Morning Prayer - 9.45am

Confessions Sat 5.30pm or by appt

MASS TIMES RATHGAR CHURCH
Saturday 10am
Sunday 9.30am, 12.15pm
Mon/Weds 10am Tues/Thurs 6pm
Eucharistic Adoration
Mon/Weds/Sat 10.30am - 11.30am
Monday to Saturday 6pm - 7pm

CROSSCARE ANNUAL APPEAL Saturday 20th /Sunday 21st September 2025

This will replace the Share collection at all Masses.

This weekend, Crosscare is asking for your generous support for our Annual Appeal as growing instability in our world continues to impact the people

in our communities who are marginalised and need our support. Crosscare delivers a wide range of homeless, youth, and food poverty support to people at various stages of poverty or marginalisation.

Regrettably, the demand for these vital services continues to increase, and Crosscare relies on your generosity to reach as many people as possible.

Alternatively, you can support the appeal online at www.crosscare.ie

ST. LOUIS PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY (Eircode D06 FD92)

Sunday 5th October from 10.30am to 12pm

Parents with children due to begin Junior Infants are warmly invited to visit the school, meet the staff, and view the wonderful facilities. *All are very*

Sunday 14 September 2025 Share Collection €438 First Collection €649

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS RATHMINES

For info please contact youthministry

@rathminesparish.com

Instagram

[@yarathmines](https://www.instagram.com/yarathmines)

NEXT MEETING

Thurs 25 September 7pm

Talk Series:

Angels & Demons

All are welcome

The monthly **St Vincent de Paul Church Gate Collection** returns after a summer break and will take place next weekend **27th / 28th September** after all masses.

Season of Creation - SEEDS OF PEACE

AND HOPE *A Service of Prayer, Music and Reflection*

Mon 29 September 8pm

Monastery of St Alphonsus,

Drumcondra, D09 HN53

The Dublin Diocesan Music Group will be

joined by Fr Paolo Morais CSsR (Brazil),

singer/guitarist, Ciarán Donegan, Violin, Simon Orrock, Organ and

Séamus Ong, Uileann Piper.

Rathmines Parish hosts a weekly **Youth Led Holy Hour with Music, Prayer and time for reflection** every **Tuesday evening from 7.30pm to 8.30pm** in the church. All are welcome to attend.

Coeliac Hosts are available at any Mass in Rathmines Church

If you wish to receive a Coeliac host, please present for Communion in the and inform the Priest in order to avoid cross

Parish Priest

Fr Andrew O'Sullivan

Parish Secretary

Mary Ryan

Parish Office

Mon/Tues/Thurs/

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Rathmines Parish Pastoral Council is a faith-based group whose purpose is to lead and serve in the spirit of the Gospel, warmly welcoming and connecting with parishioners and the wider community.

Parish Pastoral Council Members

Fr Andrew O'Sullivan PP, Geraldine McSweeney, Sr Sophia Cho, Angel Agito
Bridget Murphy, Ann Dolan, Joe Costello, Jackie Brennan, Angela Meta and Andrew Moran.

OUR PARISH PARTNERSHIP

Rathmines

Rathgar

Beechwood

Harold's Cross

Mount

THE DUBLIN CONSORT OF VOICES

Vivaldi Gloria and Choral Favourites

Sunday 12th October 2025 at 7.30pm

Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar

Frank C. O'Donnell *Conductor*

Dr Paul McKeever *Organist*

Tickets €20 at the door and on Eventbrite
Or please see our poster at the back of the church

✨ COURSE: WORKING WITH DREAMS

Tuesdays, 7 October - 2 December 2025
(8-week course; except Tues 28 Oct)

Would you like to be able to interpret your own dreams? Dream interpretation opens the path to healing, wholeness and creativity. Explore dreams in scripture, learn the symbolic language of dreams and discover the deeper meaning of your life with this eight-week course.

Led by Paddy Greene SJ and Anne Hession.

Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality, Clontarf

Booking at manresa.ie or

E reception@manresa.ie,

LEGION OF MARY

Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at KNOCK

Sunday 28 September 2025

PUBLIC LECTURE

Celebrating the centenary (1925-2025) of the birth of Austin Flannery OP.

From Vatican Council II to a Synodal Church by Cardinal Mario Grech,

Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops.

St Mary's, Tallaght Village, Dublin 24,

Thurs 25 September at 7.30pm. Admission free.

PEACE

WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2025

Creator of all,

we praise you for the gift of life and for the faith that unites us in care for our common home.

We confess how estranged we have become—from one another, from your Creation, and from our truest selves.

We acknowledge that our greed and destructive impulses have fractured our relationships with you, with others, and with the Earth.

Fertile fields have become barren, forests lie desolate,

oceans and rivers are polluted.

Thriving communities have become places of suffering,

and the earth cries out.

PRAYER FOR STRENGTH

Every day I need you Lord,

but this day especially,

I need some extra strength

to face whatever is to come.

This day more than any other day

I need to feel you near me

to fortify my courage

and to overcome my fear.

By myself,

I cannot meet the challenge of the hour

How much frail human creatures

need a Higher Power sustaining them

in all that life may bring.

And so, dear Lord,

hold my trembling hand

Be with me Lord this day,

to know your guiding hand at work in all,

to know your Blessed Presence ever near.

Amen.

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