

WELCOME TO

Mary Immaculate, Refuge of Sinners, Rathmines

Sunday 19 April 2026 Third Sunday of Easter

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HOMILY

One of the most common scriptural images that is used to represent all of life, but most particularly the spiritual life, the life of grace, is the image of a journey. To go on a journey means to make a move. It means to leave something behind and set out for something else ... something that may be unfamiliar, may be uncertain, may even be frightening. But the only way to get there, the only way to eliminate the uncertainty and the fear is to make the move.

And that should be a familiar image. We are so often called to move out, to change our attitudes, our values, our ideas. That, after all, is what it means to grow. And just as a journey that is not marked by movement can never be successful, so neither can a life that is not marked by growth. Truly, in every dimension of our lives, we have only two choices. Either we grow or something in us dies.

In the Gospel those travellers on the road to Emmaus must have been very sad, disillusioned men. And then, as they go along, they are joined by a stranger. Naturally enough they begin to talk to him about what is on their mind. At first, it seems as though the conversation just isn't going anywhere. It seems as though the stranger doesn't understand them, nothing he says helps them all that much.

But finally, little by little, conversation becomes communication, and if nothing else, they become interested. And it is really at this point, as they end their physical journey, that they begin their spiritual, emotional journey. They begin to go through the painful process of leaving behind an old misunderstanding and opening themselves to the newness of truth. It is a beginning and that is all it is. They were interested; they were willing to talk a little bit about growth. But talk is all, so far.

But finally, the moment comes, as it inevitably does, when they are confronted with the reality of Christ present in our lives and the true nature of his mission. They did, the reading says, recognise him.

We, too, are travellers, just as were the two in the Gospel. And so many times we, too, make that journey full of plans and expectations that do not work out. We, too, are sometimes disappointed, disillusioned on our journey. But just as they were we, too, are called to recognise the companionship of Christ on the journey and to realise that in the light of that companionship our own misdirection's and misunderstandings do not really mean very much.

No journey made in the company of Christ can ever possibly be a failure, even if we end up far from where we expected to be when we set out. As long as we end up where he calls us to be the journey is worthwhile.

And make no mistake each one of us is on that journey.

Fr Andrew

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

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

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY - VOCATIONS SUNDAY 26th APRIL

“Every vocation is an immeasurable gift for the Church and for those who receive it with joy.”

Pope Leo XIV, Message for the 63rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2026

In his message for this year's World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Leo XIV encourages all of us to create a spirit of faith, prayer, and support,

so that God's call may be heard and generously embraced.

We give thanks that, in the Archdiocese of Dublin, there are currently three seminarians, along with others discerning a call to the priesthood this year. Let us keep them in our prayers and also remember all those considering a vocation to the priesthood, religious life, lay ministry, or family

Sunday 12 April 2026 Share Collection €338 First Collection

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS RATHMINES
youthministry
@rathminesparish.com
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NEXT MEETING
Thurs 23 April
7pm
PHILOSOFORUM
All are welcome

Our sincerest thanks to those who have already returned **Easter Dues** which are an important part of the priest's stipend. Envelopes are available for collection at the back of the Church. We are deeply grateful for your support of Dues always.

Pope's April Prayer Intention

Pope Leo XIV has urged Catholics across the globe to join him in April in praying for priests in crisis. He released the monthly "Pray with the Pope" video on Tuesday. In his prayer, the Pope entrusted all priests into the Father's hands, especially those going through moments of crisis, "when loneliness weighs heavily, when doubt clouds their hearts, and when exhaustion seems stronger than hope".

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

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If you wish to receive a

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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 Sofia Cho, Angel Agito, Mary McGaughan, Bridget Murphy, Ann Dolan, Joe Costello, Jackie Brennan, Angela Meta and Andrew Moran.

OUR PARISH PARTNERSHIP

Rathmines Rathgar Beechwood Harold's Cross Mount

TALLAGHT CHORAL SOCIETY

Illuminare

Sunday 24th May 2026
7.30pm

Church of St Agnes, Crumlin

Illuminare - E. Hagenberg
Holy Spirit Mass - K.A. Arnesen

Dr Lynsey Callaghan, Conductor
With the Irish Choral Sinfonia

Tickets €25 - tcs2026.eventbrite.ie

SINGING GOD IN HARD TIMES

International Workshop
on Contemporary Church Music

1st to 3rd May 2026

St Finian's Church

24 Adelaide Road, Dublin 2 D02 XP21

Led by renowned international hymnodists and choir directors, this workshop is open to all. Please see the poster at the back of the church to scan the QR code

The monthly **St Vincent de Paul Church Gate Collection** will take place next weekend 25th/26th April after all masses.

THE DUBLIN CONSORT OF VOICES Concert of the Resurrection

Featuring:

Mass of St Kevin **McKeever**

The Heavens are Telling **Haydn**

Tantum Ergo **Mozart** And much more!

19 April 2026 at 7pm

Church of the Holy Name

Beechwood Avenue, Ranelagh D06 Y176

Tickets: €26 at the door and Eventbrite

and inform the Priest in order to avoid cross-contamination.

RATHGAR & RATHMINES PARISH PILGRIMAGE

FATIMA

18th to 25th SEPTEMBER 2026

ESCORTED GROUP PILGRIMAGE

(With Marian Pilgrimages)

With guided tour of Aljustrel,

Excursion to Eucharistic Miracle of Santarém and Excursion to Balasar

7 Nights from Dublin €995pps

Single Room Supplement €250 (limited availability)

Includes return direct flights Dublin/Lisbon
7 Nights in the 4* Hotel Steyler
Breakfast & Dinner each day
Guided visit of the Sanctuary of Fatima
Daily Mass & Spiritual Activities

Please contact Rathgar Parish Office

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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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>Welcome! Faillte! Benvenuti! Bine ati venit! Karibu! Witajici! Vitame Vas! Bienvenidos! Soo Dhawow! Dobro pozhalovat! Mubuhay! Bemvindo! Enkwan dehnal Khush ammaadiio! Istren hozott!