

WELCOME TO

Mary Immaculate, Refuge of Sinners, Rathmines

Sunday 5 April 2026 Easter Sunday

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HOMILY

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who died and was buried, has risen from the dead. And in his resurrection, all of us, yes, you and me, all humankind, all of creation is made new.

At the Easter Vigil, the Easter story has been told.

The followers of Christ who saw him die and mourned his death returned in the early hours of the morning to where he had been buried, and they found an empty tomb. And there they heard the words of God's messenger, "He is not here. He is risen. Look for him among the living."

And for two thousand years those same joyful words, "He is risen," have echoed from a million other tombs. Hatred, greed, violence, fear, all of the tombs in which we bury ourselves and one another have been broken open. They have no power to hold anyone. These tombs too are just many empty shells.

And again, today God's word is sent to us, as it was to Mary Magdalene, "Do not be afraid." And it is true; we have nothing to fear. God became like us. He lived a human life. He did the things we do; he felt the things we feel. He took upon himself the worst that human beings can do to one another. He suffered the effects of human weakness, greed, violence, the ultimate human absurdity, death itself. But this tomb too he left empty, so that with what St Paul would later call the great foolishness of Christianity, we can say that even death has lost its terror.

All of life has been made new. Everything that happens to us has been revealed in a new light. And we can see clearly now that there is no challenge so great that it cannot be met, no burden so heavy that it cannot be borne. We are all of us gathered here called to take up a share in the risen life of Christ.

In the other Gospels the glorified risen body of Christ was not a wispy spiritual thing that had somehow been drawn out of the stream of human experience. Rather the glorified body of Christ was very much a thing of flesh and blood, a thing that clearly bore, as Thomas was to learn, the marks of Christ's involvement with the challenges of living.

The mark of our Resurrection, then, of our Baptism, is not how little involved we become, how far away we manage to remain from the daily tombs of human living, but rather how fearlessly and joyfully we enter them. This is not only the day that the Lord has made, this is the world the Lord has made, the world which he brought with him out of the tomb. Indeed, let us be glad and rejoice in it.

Fr Andrew

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

EASTER BLESSINGS TO EVERYONE

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who assisted and participated in the Services for Holy Week in our Partnership of Rathmines and Rathgar. A special thank you to our Parish Secretaries, Cleaners, Church Supervisor, Sacristans, Servers, Ministers of the Word and Eucharist, Collectors and Flower Arrangers.

Special thanks also to our Musicians, Singers and Organists who greatly enriched our Liturgies. And to all those who helped in any way, including those who kindly donated flowers. It was lovely to see our liturgies so well attended. I wish every Easter Blessing on all.

Fr Andrew

Sunday 29 March 2026 Share Collection €469 First Collection

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

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS RATHMINES
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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.

Please note there will be **No evening Mass on Easter Sunday.** There will be Mass on **Easter Monday** at 10am in Church of the Three Patrons Rathgar.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA
18th to 25th SEPT 2026
€995pps
Single Room Supplement €250 (Limited availability)
7 Nights 4*Hotel Steyler
Breakfast & Dinner incl
Please contact Rathgar Parish Office

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 are

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If you wish to receive a

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Fr Andrew O'Sullivan
Tel. 01 497 1531 / 497

Parish Secretary
Mary Ryan
Fri
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The Diocesan Child contacted con

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

OUR PARISH PARTNERSHIP

Rathmines Rathgar Beechwood Harold's Cross Mount Argus

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18 April 2026 10am - 3pm

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Saturday 25 April 2026

This year's theme: Baptised and Sent

Workshops include:

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Baptism and Ministries

How Confession Renews your Baptism

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Please see our poster at the back of the church

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

Rathmines & Rathgar Bethany Bereavement Support Service (incl. Milltown & Ranelagh)

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one and feel the need to talk, please think about coming to a Bethany session - we are here to listen actively, and this can help in working through your loss.

Please consider availing of our service which is free, confidential and non-judgmental.

Our April listening sessions will take place at:

Venue Rathmines Parish Centre
When Second Wednesday of the month

Next meeting Wednesday 8 April 2026
Time 7.30pm

Venue Milltown Parish Centre
When Second Thursday of the month

Next meeting Thursday 9 April 2026
Time 7.30pm

For further information please phone: Siobhán 087 284 1276 or Marie 086 328 2151
Also available: Bethany Service Clarendon St
First & Third Tues of the month at 11am

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! Fáilte! Benvenuti! Bine ati venit! Karibu! Witajici! Vitame Vas! Bienvenidos! Soo Dhawow! Dobro pozhalovat! Mubuhay! Bemvindo! Enkwan dehnal Khush ammaadiio! Isten hozott!