

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

WELCOME TO
Mary Immaculate, Refuge of Sinners, Rathmines
Sunday 3 May 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter
Parish Office Opening Hours: Mon - Fri 10am - 1pm
Address: 52 Lower Rathmines Road, Dublin 6
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CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS RATHMINES
 youthministry
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NEXT MEETING
 Thurs 7 May 7pm
MOVIE NIGHT
 The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima
All are welcome

Parish Priest Fr Andrew O’Sullivan Tel: 01 497 1531 / 407	Parish Secretary Mary Ryan Fri	Parish Office Mon/Tues/Thurs/ Fri
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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 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.

OUR PARISH PARTNERSHIP

Rathmines	Rathgar	Beechwood	Harold’s Cross	Mount
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Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its **monthly Parent Support Evening on Monday 11th May at 7.30pm** in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents. You do not need to register in advance. For more info T 01 404 5378 or email info@anamcara.ie

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

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
 E parishoffice@rathgarparish.ie T 01 497 2215
 Or **Marian Pilgrimages** T 01 878 8159
 E info@marian.ie www.marian.ie

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.

Donations for Flowers envelopes are available at the back of the church. All donations are greatly appreciated.

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 **May** listening sessions will take place at:

Venue	Rathmines Parish Centre
When	First Wednesday of the month
Next meeting	Wednesday 6 May 2026
Time	7.30pm

Venue	Milltown Parish Centre
When	Second Thursday of the month
Next meeting	Thursday 14 May 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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HOMILY

For the other Gospel writers, in many places it seems to be their intention to present Christ as very much a human being, walking and talking and eating and sleeping and praying just as does anyone else. And of course that is true. But St John seems to have been particularly struck by the fact that it was only part of the truth. John emphasised the majesty, the transcendence of the Christ-God, and he tries to call out of his readers a response that at least begins to be proportionate to that majesty. He tells us that we are so much more than we could ever imagine ourselves to be. He invests every smallest detail of our human lives with an importance, a dignity that is truly infinite in its scope.

Thomas and Philip, like the others, must have been pretty stunned, and upset by the news that Christ was about to leave them. So, one of them sort of stammers out, “Well, what about us? What are we supposed to do now?” And Christ answers, in effect, “You know very well what you are supposed to do. You have been watching me for three years. Do what I have done.” And then he adds a few lines later, “I assure you, if you have faith in me, you will be able to do the things I have done, and far greater things.”

Just reflect on that line for a moment. Every life, motivated by faith, no matter how humbly, even fruitlessly spent in the eyes of the world, is a gift offered to God, a sacrifice which draws all of humankind closer to salvation. In Christ’s design, the contribution to the salvation of the world that can be made by the keenest mind, the most dedicated activist, the most eloquent prophet, is really no greater, no more valuable, than that which can be made by the simplest, the least important, the least influential among us.

So, there are no meaningless lives, there are no meaningless acts. There are only people who refuse to give meaning to their lives, their acts, or better, who refuse to recognise the meaning God has given to them.

We cannot place our faith in the goodness of God, the goodness of his world, the creative power of his word, somewhere off in an indefinable future.

That faith must be placed in the world in which he has placed us, in that word spoken to our own circumstances, no matter how they may seem to be. In his response to Philip’s request to see the Father, Christ urges him to look beneath the surface of whatever, whoever is right in front of him. That is where the Father in all of his goodness and power has chosen to be.

Fr Andrew

Please join us for **Tea & Coffee this and every Sunday after 11am Mass** in the Parish Centre. All are welcome. Also after 10am Mass on Thursdays.

LAY MINISTRY SUNDAY Saturday 2nd / Sunday 3rd May 2026
 Lay Ministry Sunday, and the Associated **Lay Ministry Appeal**, takes place this weekend and **replaces the usual Share collection**. This year’s theme is **Building faith-filled communities**. Please pick up a leaflet at the back of the church which includes a letter from Archbishop Farrell and visit www.missionministry.ie for information on Lay Ministry Programmes.

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

To mark the Anniversary of the death of
VENERABLE EDEL QUINN
 You are invited to join us on **Friday 15 May at 7pm**
 Legion of Mary, St Joseph’s, 191 Rathgar Road, Dublin 6 D06 WN56
 Holy Mass will be celebrated followed by a talk on her life.
All are welcome and refreshments will be available afterwards

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

Sunday 26 April 2026 Share Collection €476 First Collection

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

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