

WELCOME TO

Mary Immaculate, Refuge of Sinners, Rathmines
Sunday 14 June 2026 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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HOMILY

I suppose there are few feelings more uncomfortable than the feeling of being pointless. It's unsettling because, deep down, we know it's not right. We know that human life is not meant to be pointless. If you take a step back and look at the characters that are considered great in any society's history, they all really have one thing in common. They were people with a mission. They had a clear idea of what they had to do, and they set themselves to do it.

We feel attracted to those who seem to have been able to see their lives in the light of the bigger picture, those who have gotten beyond just living from day to day and have managed to give some real direction to their energies. And we feel that somehow, we would like to experience that. We would like to be in that position, to have a mission, a purpose, a message.

Well, we are in that position, everyone of us even if we don't realise it. We have been given a message, a message far too big, and far too important to apply simply to each one of us as individuals. We have been given to know some of the most fundamental and basic truths of human nature, and the only way we can respond authentically to those truths is to speak them out clearly and understandably, to pass them on and make them real in the lives of those around us.

The Gospel reading shows that the apostles, those to whom Christ first preached, did not consider themselves any sort of closed community, tightly gathered around the word they had received. Rather, hearing the truth was for them an experience of being sent out, of becoming truly men with a mission. And the First Reading, taken from the Old Testament book of Exodus, contains the same idea. It was not enough that the people come to know the fact that God was with them, that they had been saved. The announcement of the truth is followed by a commission, a people sent out to mediate this saving presence of God to the rest of the world.

And this is our mission as well. In every contact with Christ we experience, in scripture, in sacraments, in prayer, we are being sent out to bring his presence into all areas of life in which he is not yet felt. In jobs, in schools, in politics, in family and community living, this message must constantly be repeated, Christ's presence constantly renewed.

We have all been sent by Christ. We have been commissioned by his message of salvation, and we have been pointed toward one another. If the words of the Gospel fail to change and improve our society, it won't be because

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 morning**.

MASS TIMES RATHMINES CHURCH
Saturday 6pm (Vigil)
Sunday 11am, 6pm
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

SUMMER DUES COLLECTION 2026

The Summer Dues collection for the support of priests' **launches this weekend 13th/14th June.**

A Message from Archbishop Farrell about the Summer Dues initiative
Is available at the back of the church to take home with you along with Summer Dues Envelopes.

Please support your priests through the Summer Dues appeal.
The Generosity towards your priests is indispensable and deeply appreciated.

FAMILY CAMINO IN DUBLIN

Saturday 20th June 10.30am to 2.30pm

Join us for a FREE guided tour around Dublin City's historic churches!
Route: St Patrick's Well & Cathedral, Christchurch Cathedral, St Audeon's Church, Whitefriar Street Church, Newman University Church and Rathmines Church

Contact: youthministry@rathminesparish.com

Sunday 7 June 2026 Share Collection €416 First Collection

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS RATHMINES
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NEXT EVENT
Sunday 28 June 2026
Young Adults
Mass & Picnic

All young adults
aged 18-40 are

Prayer for Examinations
If you or someone you know is studying for exams at present, you might like to look at our *Prayer for Examinations* on

The monthly **St Vincent de Paul Church Gate Collection** takes place next weekend **20th/21st June** after all masses. Please note there will be no

The Statement of Archbishop Dermot Farrell welcoming the publication of Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas* (The Grandeur of Humanity), is available at www.dublindiocese.ie/welcoming-pope-leo-encyclical/

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.

Coeliac Help
If you wish to receive a

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

Parish Secretary
Mary Ryan
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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 PARISH PARTNERSHIP

Rathmines Rathgar Beechwood Harold's Cross Mount

Summer Message from Fr Andrew, Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,
As we now approach summer, many will enjoy some well-deserved time off. From a parish partnership viewpoint, it has been a very busy 2026 thus far and I am deeply grateful to all those who have supported the parishes in so many ways.

For the months of July and August, many of our musicians will take a well-earned break. I thank them for their service and look forward to hearing them refreshed and rested in September. The Folk Group in Rathmines is taking a break since the beginning of June and while the 6pm Sunday evening Mass continues for June, there will be none for July and August in Rathmines.

The Mass schedule for July and August will be displayed at the back of the Churches and on the Parish websites. My Sincere thanks to all our Parishioners for your ongoing support and

Rathmines and Rathgar Parish Partnership VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - GET INVOLVED

Volunteers are indispensable to the life of our parish partnership. All baptised people are called by God to minister. New volunteers are needed and welcomed to sustain, support and strengthen the many services in our parish community.

You are invited to consider sharing your skills and talents by becoming a part of the parish volunteering community.

There are many areas to choose from:
Baptism Team Minister of the

Eucharist
Minister of the Word Funeral Team
Hospitality Team

Collectors Team
Finance Committee Family Mass Team
Altar Servers Young Adults Choir
Welcome Team

If you are interested, please complete an

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

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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