

WELCOME TO

Mary Immaculate, Refuge of Sinners, Rathmines

Sunday 7 June 2026 Feast of Corpus Christi

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HOMILY

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Body of Christ. And traditionally the focal point of this feast is two pronged. First, of course, a reaffirmation of our belief in the reality of Christ's presence in the Eucharist, physically, bodily. But also, a time for reaffirming our belief in the fact that we are the Body as well. The Church, the People of God, bound together by a Divine call. So really this feast is an appropriate setting in which to reflect on the quality of love, the life force of the Body of Christ, at its most radical, its most Christian.

And that is Christ's insistence that if we are to be truly his followers, we must love our enemies.

Just what is an enemy, really? There is a way to come to an appreciation of something at least of the impact of Christ's teaching to love one's enemies. Think of someone you know who doesn't like you. Make it a real person, maybe more than one. Someone whom you know thinks you are a real pain and who doesn't hesitate in the least to say so any chance that comes along. Someone who perhaps has even done you real damage and is pretty likely to do so again in the future.

And then try to become aware of the sort of feelings that that image conjures up in you. Anger, perhaps resentment, inferiority, jealousy, fear, the painfully corrosive suspicion that just maybe that person is, after all, right.

And when your awareness of those feelings is clear, then just put them aside. Resolve not to use those feelings, not to let them dictate the way you act toward the person you are picturing.

And once you have done that, we have come as close as we ever will to a definition of what God means by "love." Our willingness to act in the best interests of someone whom we know perfectly well would not be willing to do so for us.

So, this Feast of the Body of Christ calls us to some radical reflection indeed. From now on the extent to which we damage our relationship with any other human being, to that extent we damage our relationship with God as well.

That truth, and our acceptance of it in faith, is the core of Christian morality. And so, it is hardly surprising that it is also the core of Christian worship. Every week, every day, the Church celebrates the mystery of our intimacy with God. It is because of the Eucharist that Christian morality is what it is. Christ's words, given in two different places in the Scripture, when he speaks of people and says, "Love one another as I have loved you." Later he speaks of the Eucharist and says, "Do with one another what I have done with you."

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

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 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 last weekend 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 generosity.

Sunday 31 May 2026 Share Collection €343 First

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS RATHMINES
 youthministry
 @rathminesparish.com
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NEXT EVENT
Saturday 13 June 2026

KILKENNY PILGRIMAGE TRIP

MEETING POINT
 9.30am
 Dublin Heuston Station
 Or 11.45am Kilkenny (MacDonagh) Station

Including Vigil Mass 6pm St John's Kilkenny
 Please see our poster & flyers for more info

All young adults

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 www.rathmines

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 https://www.dublindiocese.ie/welcoming-pope-leo-encyclical/Magnifica_Humanitas can be read on the website of the Holy See. www.vatican.va

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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

Dear Parishioner,

You are warmly invited to join us in the Church of Mary Immaculate, Refuge of Sinners on **Wednesday, 10th June at 6pm** for an evening of reflection and conversation about our church and its place in our lives and community.

Our church has been selected as one of five churches included in the **Dublin City Places of Worship Project**, an initiative under the Dublin City Strategic Heritage Plan, supported by the Heritage Council and with the cooperation of the Archdiocese of Dublin. This recognition reflects the importance of our church—not only as a beautiful building, but as a living place of faith, memory, and community in the city.

The purpose of this gathering is to share the historical research and survey work that has been carried out to date and the **Statement of Significance** that will be completed for our church. This is a way of capturing and expressing why this place matters—architecturally, historically, spiritually, and socially—but also in terms of the lived experience of those who worship and gather here.

The evening will be in two parts:

- **Firstly**, members of the project team will present their findings. Gráinne Shaffrey of Shaffrey Architects will outline the architectural survey work, and Dr Ellen Rowley and Bushra Mansoor will share insights from the historical and archival research.
- **Secondly**, they would very much like to hear from you. This is an opportunity to reflect together on what makes this church special: your memories, your experiences, and what you feel gives this place its unique spirit.

While expert research can tell us much, it cannot capture the full meaning of this church without the perspectives of the parish community. I warmly encourage you to attend and to take part in this important conversation.
 Kind regards, **Fr Andrew**

SUMMER DUES COLLECTION 2026

The Summer Dues collection for the support of priests' launches next weekend 13th/14th June. A Message from Archbishop Farrell about the Summer Dues initiative will be available that weekend to

take home with you. Please support your priests through the Summer Dues appeal.

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

Next meeting Thursday 11 June 2026 at 7.30pm Milltown Parish Centre
 Please note we are unable to offer Bethany sessions in July & August but hope to resume in September.

For further information please phone: Siobhán 087 284 1276 or Marie 086 328 2151

Coeliac Hosts are available at any Mass in Rathmines Church for people with a Coeliac condition.

If you wish to receive a Coeliac host, please present for Communion in the centre aisle at the end of the Communion queue and inform the Priest in order to avoid cross-contamination.

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