

WELCOME TO

Mary Immaculate, Refuge of Sinners, Rathmines

Sunday 12 July 2026 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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HOMILY

One of the things that always strikes me as I read through the Gospels is how close a parallel there so frequently is between the teaching of the Gospel and the most basic principles of common sense emotional and mental health. First the simple fact that, emotionally at least, each one of us lives in the world that we build for ourselves, that ultimately no one can make us feel anyway at all, not happy, not sad, not satisfied, not frustrated. We are, each of us, ultimately, inescapably responsible for the course of our own lives and the emotional flavour of those lives. The Gospel reading this weekend is probably one of the clearest instances of that message in all of scripture. The action of God, the spreading of the seed, was of equal force in each case described. The one thing that made the difference between success or failure from place to place, or from person to person, was the openness, the willingness of the one who received the seed, the Word.

That is a very simple message, really. There is nothing, no system, no person, no thing, that will remove the personal challenge of growth and present us with satisfaction as a finished product, all wrapped up and ready to enjoy.

Here are a few things that nobody packages, things which demand a personal involvement in their own creative processes.

Morality. No one can really teach morality to anyone else. We can and must offer an understanding of the difference between right and wrong in any number of situations. But if that is ever to become something more than simply a list of do’s and don’ts, a fundamental goodness must be created and nurtured in each individual.

A sense of purpose. There is no one who can convince any of us that our individual lives are worthwhile, if we are unwilling to create that purpose ourselves.

A sense of identity. It is almost fashionable to spend a lot of time and energy agonising over the question, “Who am I? Who is the real me?” There is only one answer to that, and it is the same for everyone. Who do you want to be? We are what we do.

Faith. Actually, a lot of things could fit in here. It is easy for us to believe that it is the role of the Church to provide us with faith, in about the same way a grocer provides us with food. Faith does not depend on the Church, or on its leaders, or its practices, or anything else. Faith depends on God’s word being taken in to one’s life, taking root there.

National Grandparents Pilgrimage
KNOCK SHRINE 26 July 2026
Celebrating World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly
www.knockshrine.ie Tel 094 938

MASS TIMES RATHMINES CHURCH
Saturday 6pm (Vigil)
Sunday 11am
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
Eucharistic Adoration
Mon/Weds/Sat 10.30am - 11.30am
Monday to Saturday 6pm - 7pm

The SUMMER DUES COLLECTION 2026 was launched recently and Summer Dues Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Your support towards your priests is indispensable and deeply appreciated as

DOMINICAN RETREAT & PASTORAL CENTRE
Seeds of Hope, Hints of Resurrection - Jessie Rogers
19th - 25th July 2026
This retreat will draw on Scripture to reflect on the life-giving work of the Spirit.
Cost €580 Residential €375 Non-Residential
Tallaght Village, Dublin 24 KA40

Our usual Tea & Coffee after 11am Mass on Sundays is suspended for the months of July & August. We look forward to seeing you all again in

Sunday 5 July 2026 Share Collection €355 First Collection

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS RATHMINES
youthministry
@rathminesparish.com
Instagram
@yarathmines
All young adults

Man and Woman, He Created Them
The Priory Institute one week on-line Summer School is reflective, informative and interactive and will run from 10 August. The course includes four recorded presentations and one online zoom discussion and is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online. Find out more and register visit: prioryinstitute.com

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

Our Youth Led Hakuna Talk & Holy Hour is continuing throughout the summer with the next date on 21st July from 7.15pm. We encourage you to come and discover it for yourself - Music, Prayer, time for reflection and the opportunity for confession. All are welcome. We will also have social activities on the 14th and 28th July. We are also looking for people who could join us to lead the Talks before the Holy Hour.

Coeliac Help
If you wish to receive a

Parish Priest
Fr Andrew O’Sullivan
Tel 01 497 1531 / 407

Parish Secretary
Mary Ryan
Fri

Parish Office
Mon/Tues/Thurs/
Fri

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, Eoin McCormack, Roxana Pal, Bridget Murphy, Ann Dolan, Joe Costello, Jackie Brennan, Angela Meta and Andrew Moran.

OUR PARISH PARTNERSHIP
Rathmines Rathgar Beechwood Harold’s Cross Mount

SUMMER SCHEDULE 2026
RATHMINES & RATHGAR PARISHES
Please note for July and August there will be No 6pm Mass on Sunday in Rathmines Church
For July and August there will be No 6pm Mass on Tuesday & Thursday in Church of the Three Patrons Rathgar.
Our weekly tea & coffee after 11am Sunday Mass will also be suspended for July and August.
Thank you for your understanding and we wish you all a blessed Summer.
Our Summer Timetable is also available on posters at the back of the church and on our website.

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 Hospitality Team Funeral Team
Collectors Team
Finance Committee Family Mass Team
Altar Servers Young Adults Choir
If you are interested, please complete an 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
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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