

WELCOME TO

Mary Immaculate, Refuge of Sinners, Rathmines

Sunday 21 June 2026 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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HOMILY

All three of the Scripture readings this weekend seem to focus on one element of the Christian response that to my mind is particularly worthy of attention. And that element simply enough is confidence. A fairly calm, peaceful, even joyous acceptance of whatever it is that the unfolding of our lives may have in store for us.

No matter what the situation may be in which we find ourselves, we must never give in to the temptation to let our experience be the one standard by which we judge the meaning, the value of the situation. We must, rather, be constantly open to a higher meaning, another interpretation that may not agree at all with what our experience has been. And for the authors of these three readings today there is no doubt at all as to just what this unknowable force at work in our lives may be. It is the hand of God protecting, directing, guiding over our lives along the lines of his plan for the development of humankind.

That's easy enough to believe when our experience of a situation is a pleasant one. Pleasant experiences fit in very readily with our notion of what God's plan should be. However, that's not the case when our experience of a situation is unpleasant, painful, or even tragic. It can become very difficult indeed to see God's plan at work, very difficult to experience the confidence of which the scriptural authors speak.

There are two steps toward making such a beginning.

The first step is to resist the temptation to write the script. The temptation to play God by mapping out ahead of time just what his plan should be, along what lines humanity should develop. That is true of our interaction with other human beings, and it is certainly true of our interaction with God. This is a difficult step because it involves living always in the presence of mystery.

The second step is to resist the temptation to expect God to act in our lives in the same way as do the other forces we experience around us. The presence of God is a very different sort of force. Its effects are experienced not from the outside, but from within. God's protective hand which so encouraged Jeremiah in the First Reading is seen not so much in what goes into making up the situation in which we find ourselves, but rather in the way in which human beings react to, cope with, and ultimately overcome the situation, however challenging or demanding it might be.

In the Gospel Christ speaks to us some of his most appealing words. They are simply "Do not be afraid. You will not be destroyed." No matter what happens, humankind and each individual human person can and will if they choose, at a time and in a way that we simply cannot predict, overcome.

Fr Andrew

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

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

This Sunday 21st June we celebrate FATHER'S DAY.
Please remember all fathers, grandfathers, great-grandfathers, and godfathers on this special day.

SUMMER DUES COLLECTION 2026

A Message from Archbishop Farrell about the Summer Dues initiative which was launched last weekend 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.

The monthly St Vincent de Paul Church Gate Collection takes place this weekend after all masses. Please note there will be no collections during

Sunday 14 June 2026 Share Collection €358 First

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

PETER'S PENCE
COLLECTION 2026
The Annual
Peter's Pence
Collection

will take place
next weekend
27th /28th June.
This special collection
will replace the usual
Share Fund
second collection.

Today, Sunday 21st June, the Church across Ireland celebrates Day for Life on the theme The humanity of the unborn child, which invites us to reflect on the wonder of human life from the moment of conception. Our Lady treasured Our Lord in her heart and womb until His birth. To read the full bishops' message visit www.councilforlife.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.

Coeliac Help
If you wish to receive a

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

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Mary Ryan
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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, 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 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

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

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Or Marian Pilgrimages T 01 878 8159

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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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