

WELCOME TO

Mary Immaculate, Refuge of Sinners, Rathmines
Sunday 28 June 2026 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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HOMILY

In today's Gospel the opening line sounds harsh.

“Anyone who loves father or mother, son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.” It almost sounds as though Christ were proposing some sort of conflict or opposition between our relationship with God and our human relationships, even those closest and most significant in our lives.

But certainly, there is no necessary conflict between our human relationships and our relationship with God. In fact, the quality that makes our relationships with other people is, in fact, the quality that makes our relationship with God. There is a very sacred nature to the bonds of family and friendship, and we must very carefully nurture the strength and intimacy of those bonds.

The point seems to me is that Christ is urging us on here, as he does so many other places in the Gospel, a true sense of proportion, the ability to distinguish accurately between what matters and what doesn't.

For any number of reasons, perhaps even quite unconsciously, we can find ourselves attaching tremendous weight to really very unimportant things.

Part of the process, of avoiding such distortion is learning to recognise the difference between one's needs and one's wants. Needs must be met. That is every human being's natural right, and for anyone to refuse to even try to meet the real needs of another human being is of course seriously immoral. That is so not only toward relatives and friends but toward anyone.

The First Reading underscores how seriously Mosaic Law taught the moral obligation of hospitality. It was not simply charity to feed and house a passing stranger; it was one's duty. No one's rightful needs can be morally ignored.

Wants are a different matter. Wants don't have to be met. Most of the time life would be more pleasant if they were, more enjoyable, and it is a good thing, a loving thing to meet the wants of other people. But if they are not met, nothing really terrible happens.

Ultimately, there is only one real need in life. Salvation. It is the only thing that can ever really last. Everything else, even our deepest and most satisfying human relationships, in comparison, become less important. Not unimportant, but less important.

So, by no means at all is Christ calling us to leave behind or turn back on family and friends. By no means does following Christ mean resigning ourselves to an earthly life of emotionally empty and sterile human relationships. Christ is calling each one of us to a right view of our lives, a balanced view, an honest perspective. He is calling us to the realisation that nothing is more important than our relationship with him, simply because it is on that that everything else that is good ultimately depends, and anything, a thing, a person, a relationship that endangers that

CATHOLIC YOUNG
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NEXT EVENT
Sunday 28 June 2026
Young Adults
Mass & Picnic
11am
All young adults
aged 18-40 are

Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament
will take place next
Friday 3rd July (First
Friday) for one hour in
the church after mass
from 10.30am to
11.30am.

Rathmines Parish hosts
a weekly Youth Led
Hakuna Talk & Holy
Hour with Music,
Prayer, time for
reflection and the
opportunity for
confession every
Tuesday evening from
7.15pm in the church.
All are welcome.

Summer Schedule
Update
Hakuna is continuing
throughout the
summer. We encourage
you to come and
discover it for yourself.
In July we'll be
gathering on the 7th
and 21st. 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.

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If you wish to receive a

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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, Angel Agito, Sr Sofia Cho, 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 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 Funeral Team
Hospitality Team
Collectors Team
Finance Committee Family Mass Team
Altar Servers Young Adults Choir

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
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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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Please join us for Tea & Coffee
after 11am Mass in the Parish

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

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION 2026 Saturday 27th / Sunday 28th
June

The Annual Peter's Pence Collection takes place this weekend
and will replace the usual Share Fund second collection.
The Peter's Pence collection supports the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV
in his mission of service to the universal Church.
Donations to Peter's Pence are a gesture of communion with the Holy Father

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

Sunday 21 June 2026 Share Collection €354 First