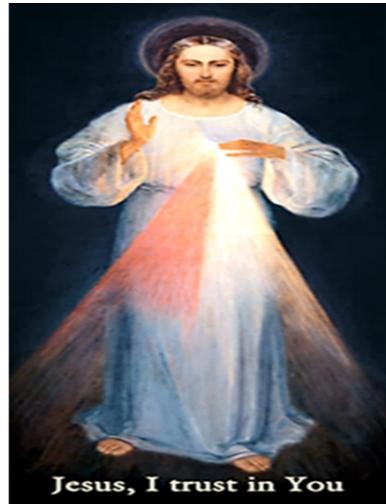
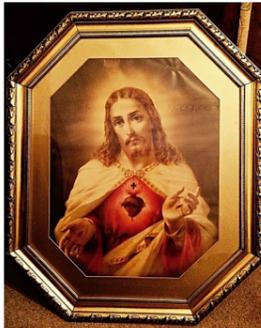


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 1<sup>st</sup> Collection : Common Fund €922  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection : Share €485



**Divine Mercy Sunday**  
 Church of the Three Paons,  
 Rathgar  
 24 April at 3 pm



*I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My Tender Mercy are open...Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (Diary, no. 699)*

Holy Mass, Benediction, Chaplet,  
 Blessing with 1<sup>st</sup> Class Relic of St. Faustina Confessions from 2.30pm



Rathmines & Rathgar Parishes are pleased to be joining the annual Dublin Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April. A bus will be leaving from Rathmines Church at 7.30am and returning at 20.00pm. A pilgrimage programme is being co-ordinated by the Archdiocese and concludes with Mass in the Basilica at 3pm celebrated by Archbishop Farrell. If you wish to register for the pilgrimage please email Rathmines Parish Office on [secretary@rathminesparish.com](mailto:secretary@rathminesparish.com) or Rathgar Parish Office on [parishoffice@rathgarparish.ie](mailto:parishoffice@rathgarparish.ie). There will be a cost of 25euros per person, which is payable on the day.



Dear Parishioner's,

I want to express my deep sense of gratitude to you all for the great support that has been given by everyone particularly in the preparation and celebrations at this time of Holy Week and Easter.

I want to congratulate the children who made their confirmation last Saturday their parents and teachers who prepared them for the Sacrament. I also wish to thank very much the many volunteers who helped to organise the ceremonies of Holy Week and who made sure everything went so smoothly. Our very special thanks also to Mr Frank O'Donnell for the wonderful quality of the music throughout the ceremonies and during the penitential service in Rathmines. It was wonderful indeed to see so many attending the penitential service, and our thanks to everyone who participated.

Fr Andrew and Fr David.

**Rathmines & Rathgar Bethany Bereavement Support Service**

We are delighted to resume our monthly listening sessions for those of you who have suffered a bereavement or other significant loss. Our service is confidential, non-judgmental and open to all who need to speak in a supportive setting. Our trained listeners are here to help.

Rathgar, St Patrick's Hall, access via rear of church  
 (Leicester Avenue)  
 On: Tuesday, 19 April at 8.00 p.m.

Affordable Live-in Homecare provides live-in carers for the elderly in your area. If you are looking for a live-in carer for your relative, please call Eileen or Tom today on 087 991 6791 or 087 744 0729. Our website is [www.alhomecare.ie](http://www.alhomecare.ie)

**HOMILY**

I know you are looking for Jesus the crucified, but he is not here. He has been raised, exactly as he promised."

How simply put these words are – too simply really – for the first revelation of a truth that was to change literally everything in human experience. Christ died and was buried. By all that was reasonable to expect, by all that human beings knew to be true, that was the end of it.

But it wasn't. Nothing had ended. And because of that, everything had changed. Three days after his death a few of those who believed went to the place where Christ had been buried. They had expected to enter the tomb of Christ, and they had expected to find there what every tomb must hold...death. The disintegration of human life, human plans, human hopes.

But it was not so. The tomb they found had been broken. It was empty, a hallow, powerless thing. It held no death at all, rather a messenger with a word of life: "He is not here. He has risen."

And in those words, everything that Christ had promised was seen to be true. A life lived as was his, faithfully, lovingly, is a force so powerful that it can never be fruitless. Such a life can never be wasted, love cannot be buried. Faithfulness cannot be shut up in a tomb.

The worst that life can hold for a human being...weakness, infidelity, betrayal, suffering, even death itself, all of it has lost its sting, all of it has lost its ability to terrify us. No tomb can ever again be truly sealed. In the resurrection of Christ, everything has been transformed, everything has been made new.

And so today, we are each one of us, called to be witnesses to the fact that Christ is still alive. We are called by Christ to approach whatever it might be in our lives that seems to be a tomb; To see things through the lens of the resurrection, confident that all will be well in the Risen Christ.

In the Gospel story the messenger of life did not stop with telling those few believers that Christ was still alive. Rather, he told them to go out and tell others that they too will meet the Risen Christ, that he has gone on to find them as well.

I assure you that long before we come together again to celebrate another Easter, each one of us will have met any number of people who are hungry for that truth – any number of people who are waiting to be called out of the fears, out of their desperation, out of their sense of hopelessness. Any number of people waiting to be called out of the painfully small world of human ambition, and into the limitless infinite, joyful, hopeful, loving life of the Risen Christ.

Fr Andrew.



*Christ is risen! We are risen!*

Each year, we celebrate the great events that give us new life in Christ and, each year, Easter is different because we are different. The great adventure of the synodal pathways has already begun to shape our way of being a community of faith and a solid foundation has been laid. Ultimately, it is not all about "church" but instead all about the Good News and how we may better proclaim the "yes" of God in Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 1:19).

*We are an Easter people and alleluia is our song!*