



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - B
14th February 2021

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With Ash Wednesday next week, the season of Lent begins. Lent comes from the old English word for springtime, a new life and hope. We long for that new life and hope now more than ever. Due to the high rate of infection, which thankfully is decreasing, but not fast enough for the lowering of restrictions, at least for the immediate future. It seems likely that public mass will not return at least for a large portion of Lent, but this may change.

Attending daily mass for Lent is the practice for many people. While the webcam mass is not the same, yet it is an important connection and source of spiritual unity in the Parish and wider faith community.

In addition to daily mass, on Tuesdays and Thursdays the evening prayer of the church will be prayed during Lent at 5pm beginning with Eucharistic Adoration at 4:45pm. Also, the Rosary will be prayed after the 10am daily mass on Wednesday and Friday.

Trocaire boxes will be available in the church

The traditional distribution of Ashes can not take place this year. But Ashes are available for collection, in a small packet, after 10am mass on Ash Wednesday. Ashes are a profound reminder of the finite giftedness of human life and our eternal destiny with God. Lent is that call to a renewal of faith in our love of God and our love for each other in all our giftedness and brokenness. May God's blessing be with us on our Lenten journey at this most difficult and stressful time.

Fr. Gerard Deegan

Mass Times	Saturday	:	6 pm Vigil
	Sundays	:	10:30 am
	Weekdays	:	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu & Fri. 10:00 am

Sunday 14th February is St. Valentine's Day.

On November 10, 1836, the Reliquary containing the remains of Saint Valentine arrived in Dublin and were brought in solemn procession to Whitefriar Street Church.



Prayer to St Valentine:

O glorious advocate and protector, St Valentine, look with pity upon our wants, hear our requests, attend to our prayers, relieve by your intercession the miseries under which we labour, and obtain for us the divine blessing, that we may be found worthy to join you in praising the Almighty for all eternity: through the merits of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Accord Dublin's Annual Collection will take place this weekend of 13th & 14th Feb.

We realise that it will be much more difficult for parishes to support us this year – although the demand for services is greater than ever.

With counselling agencies of all sorts anticipating a “tsunami of demand” and Garda sources reporting a large increase in domestic violence (“violence has gone home”), it is clear that there a great need for Accord's services in our communities.

We need your help to encourage

- those who need our services to contact us,
- those who support us to continue to do so
- new donors to enable the work to continue.

Counselling continues by phone, and contact can be made via our centres or on our helpline at **01 9059555**. Marriage preparation courses have continued, with smaller courses via zoom, and can be booked on our website.

To enable our services to continue to meet the demand, we need your support.

Parishioners can donate in the following ways: **Online** at www.accorddublin.ie where you will find a DONATE button. **By post** to Accord Dublin, Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3. **By bank transfer** to ACCORD Dublin Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG, Bank of Ireland, 88 Lower Camden Street, Dublin 2. IBAN: IE27 BOFI 9001 1357 0742 03; BIC:BOFIE2D.

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