

**St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield**  
**The Fifth Sunday**  
**in Ordinary Time**  
**7<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

**Mass Times**      **Saturday 6 pm Vigil**  
**Sundays : 10:30 am & 12 noon**  
**Weekdays : Mon. – Fri. 10 am**  
**Mon. 7:30 pm      Sat. 11 am**

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*We remember at Mass and in our prayers those who have gone before us*

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February is Ash Wednesday.** Blessed ashes will be distributed during 10am mass.

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February is World Day of The Sick.** Pray for all the sick in the parish and their carers.

**St. Vincent De Paul**  
 The Society will take up their monthly collection after all Masses this weekend.

**Accord Collection**  
 The Annual Collection for ACCORD, The Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all masses next weekend **13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> February.**

The collection for ACCORD will replace the usual *Share* Collection.

**Sacrament of Baptism**  
 The following Babies were welcomed into the faith community of our parish during January.  
*Oscar John Flanagan Anderson*  
*Eoghan Finbar Kelly*  
*Chloe Louise Doherty*  
*Charlie Thomas Cumiskey Christie*  
*Kayleigh Louise McGillivray*

**Ayrwaves**  
 Closing date for submission of articles, advertisements, etc. for the St. Patrick's Day / Easter edition is **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February.**  
 Email: [ayrwaves@gmail.com](mailto:ayrwaves@gmail.com) or contact the parish office on **8160984.**



**Sacrament of Confirmation**

This Saturday at the 6pm Vigil Mass, we welcome the children who are preparing for Confirmation and their families. The children have been invited to take part in a special Enrolment Ceremony.

The You Shall Be My Witness programme provides parents with the opportunity to get more involved with their child's preparation. We hope that by participating in this programme you and your child will become more aware of the commitment being made at Confirmation to become a full active member of the Christian community through which we all belong through Baptism.

**Thought for the day: 'Do not be afraid'**

Lent begins next Wednesday: Lent is a special time of prayer, penance, sacrifice and good works in preparation of the celebration of Easter the Passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. To do this effectively we are asked - **1) to Pray:** to turn to God more frequently and to devote time to prayer. Many people go to Mass daily during Lent. **2) to do penance:** it is traditional that during Lent we give up something, sweets, drink etc. by doing this we concentrate our hearts and mind on what is truly important. There are two days of special fast and abstinence (not to eat meat) during Lent, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. **3) to give Alms:** to help, in whatever way we can those who are in need of help and assistance.

The main purpose of Lent is to prepare for the celebration of the Easter Mystery, the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Lenten Scripture Talks:**

During lent there will be a number of talks on scripture in the Ayrfield Parish Centre after 11am mass. The talks will be given by Fr. Paddy Boyle. The talks are aimed primarily at both Ministers of the Word and Ministers of the Eucharist, though all are welcome.

- 1) Sat 13<sup>th</sup> February What does the Old testament tell us about Jesus Christ?**
- 2) Sat 27<sup>th</sup> February Mercy in the Gospel of Luke**
- 3) Sat 12<sup>th</sup> March The Easter Readings**

**St. Patrick's Day Sponsored Swim**



Preparations are underway for the annual Sponsored swim at Portmarnock Strand on in aid of the Children's Cancer Fund in Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin. As in previous years, all funds raised goes to help the sick children. Sponsorship Cards are available from **Shay O'Reilly - 8482068, Irene Killeen - 8479629, Margaret Maher - 8472251** or can be collected from the Parish office & Sacristy.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb      6:00pm

**Adolphus Chendo**      Anniversary

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan      10:30am

**Liam Byrne & Catherine Quirke**      Anniv.

**Denis & Gretta Fennell**      Anniv.

12:00 midday

**Eamon Dunne**      Anniversary

**Tommy, Josie & Sunny Fitzgerald**      Anniversaries

*Your prayers are also requested for the repose of the soul of*  
**Eileen Corr**  
*recently deceased.*

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb      10:00am

**Frances Daly**      Anniversary

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb      10:00am

**Josaphine Hughes**      Recently dec.

*May they rest in peace*

**Trócaire Boxes** are available on the stands at both doors of the church.

**Notice to Coeliacs:** *If you have been advised to abstain from Gluten, please contact the Priest before Mass so that we can try to accommodate your requirements.*