

**St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
10<sup>th</sup> April 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*

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April      6:00 pm

**Bridie, Eddie & Paul O'Rourke**  
Birthday Remembrance

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April  
12:00 midday

**Rose O'Neill**  
5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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*Your prayers are also requested for the happy repose of the souls of **Raymond Behan & Joe McAvera** recently deceased.*  
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Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April      10:00am

**Joe McAvera**  
Funeral Mass

*May they rest in peace*

**Easter Dues.** Envelopes can be returned to the church and placed in the boxes provided or given to your Outdoor collector.

**Trocaire Boxes** can be returned to the Parish church.

**St. Vincent De Paul**

The Society will take up their monthly collection after all Masses **this** weekend.

**Parish Finance Meeting**

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will take place at 10:30am, next Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> April, in the Pastoral Centre.

**Annual Volunteers Night**  
**Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30 pm**

St. Paul's Parish will hold a night of thanksgiving for the many volunteers that give of their personal time and talents in all areas of the parish.

This will be celebrated with a Mass in the Church at 7:30pm and followed by refreshments after in the Ayrfield Community Centre.

**Vocation Sunday**

Next Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. A collection will be taken up at all masses **next** weekend **16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> April** to help support Dublin Diocesan Students preparing for ordination to the Priesthood. It replaces the usual *Share* collection.

**Do This In Memory**

This Sunday at the 12 noon Mass, we welcome the children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion and their families. This will be their final preparation mass before receiving their First Holy Communion on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May and we ask you to remember the children in your prayers.



**Thought for the day:**

On Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> of April a group of children from the parish, together with some children from other parishes will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. On Saturday May the 21<sup>st</sup> another group of children who attend the parish's junior school will make their First Holy Communion. Momentous days for the children, their families and indeed for our parish. On the day the children were baptised, and many of them were baptised here in St. Paul's, the priest prayed that the parents and families would be here on the days they received the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

It is when we are baptised that we become members of the Church of God founded by Christ His Son. We are united to Christ and become part of His Living Body here on earth. **As baptised Christians each of us has a unique place and part to play in bringing God's love and mercy to the world we live in and to the people we meet each and every day.** When the priest pours the water on our heads and says the words '*I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit*'..., we become brothers and sisters of the same Jesus Christ, adopted children of God and heirs to the Kingdom of Heavens.

As the children prepare for the sacraments let us remember **our own Baptism**, the day we made **our First Communion** and when **we received the gifts of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation.**

**Prayer:** *Lord our God, renew in us the grace of our Baptism. Deepen our understanding of the Blessed Eucharist, Holy Communion, God's gift of Himself to us. As we continue our journey through life may the gifts of the Holy Spirit sustain, guide and nourish us, through Christ our Lord. Amen*

**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.*