

St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield
Fourth Sunday of Easter
17th 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 16th April 6:00 pm

Veronica Okeke
1st Anniversary

Sunday 17th April 10:30am

James & Mary Treacy
Anniversary

12:00 midday

Richard & Paul McMahon
Anniversary
Margo Traynor
9th Anniversary


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*Your prayers are also requested for the happy repose of the soul of*  
**Joe McAvera** recently deceased.

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May they rest in peace

Thursday 21st April 10:00am

Sr. Hilary O'Rourke,
Infant Jesus Sisters
90th Birthday Celebration Mass

Sr. Hilary spent many years in St. Paul's parish and is now residing in St. Josephs Nursing Home, Cork. Her friends here in Ayrfield invite you to join them in celebrating her 90th Birthday on Thursday morning with Mass and celebrations at the coffee morning afterwards. We send her Congratulations & Best Wishes.

 **Baptism Preparation** night for parents and godparents of children who will be baptised during the month of March, will take place on **Tuesday 16th at 7:00 pm** in the Pastoral Centre.

Special Collection Next weekend.
50% of the ordinary SHARE Collection will be donated to the Pope's appeal for humanitarian aid for Ukraine.

Reminder.
The organizers of the St. Patrick's Day Sponsored Swim in aid of Crumlin Childrens Hospital would like to remind participants to return any outstanding sponsorship money raised to the organizers.

Gathering for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
A gathering for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist in the Jubilee of Mercy will take place in Clonliffe College, on **Wednesday 27th April 8.00-9.30pm.**

This is an opportunity to reflect on your ministry. Contact Freda in the parish office on 01 8160984.

St. Paul's Parish will hold a Volunteer night of thanksgiving on Tuesday, 26th April 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 Lounge of the Ayrfield Community Centre.

As individual invitations were not distributed, please contact the parish office/sacristy if you are attending for organising food numbers.



You Shall Be My Witness - Confirmation Preparation Mass

This Saturday at the 6:00pm Mass, we welcome the children who are preparing for Confirmation and their families. This is the final celebration in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The Ceremony of Light symbolises the passing on of the Christian faith. As we remember the days of preparation, we thank God for all the blessings bestowed on the children during the months of preparation and we thank him for choosing these young people and offering them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Vocation Sunday

This Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. An opportunity for us all to reflect on our Baptismal calling to live a life of grace and holiness and an opportunity to pray for and foster vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

A special collection will be taken up at all masses this weekend **16th & 17th April** to help support our Students preparing for ordination to the Priesthood. It replaces the usual *Share* collection, your support is very much appreciated.

Thought for the day:

A little girl, Andrea, once asked Pope Benedict about His First Holy Communion. His answer gives us thought for reflection and prayer.

Andrea: Dear Pope, what are your memories of your First Communion day?

Pope Benedict: Andrea, I would first like to say thank you for your question.

Of course I remember my First Communion day very well. A lovely Sunday in March 1936, 69 years ago. It was a sunny and the church looked very beautiful, there was music.

There were about 30 of us, boys and girls from my little village. When I received Communion I understood that Jesus had entered my heart, he had actually visited me. With Jesus, God himself was with me. I realized that this is a gift of love - truly worth more than all the other things that life can give.

That day, I promised the Lord: "***I always want to stay with you***", and I prayed to him, "***but above all, stay with me***". So I went on living my life like that; thanks be to God, the Lord has always taken me by the hand and guided me, even in difficult situations.

The day of my First Communion was the beginning of a journey made together. I hope that for all of you too, the First Communion you will receive this Year will be the beginning of a lifelong friendship with Jesus, the beginning of a journey together, because in walking with Jesus we do well and life becomes good.

Prayer: *Jesus, I love you with all my heart. Help me to prepare to receive you in Holy Communion and say with me always, every moment of each day and help me to stay with you always. 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.*