

**St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
 1<sup>st</sup> May 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 30<sup>th</sup> April      6:00 pm

**Margaret Offiah**      Anniversary  
**Monica Omeshu**      Anniversary  
**Edward & Frances Carthy and Jack & Tish Martin**      20<sup>th</sup> Anniv.  
**Michael Hayden**      2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May

12:00 midday

**Raymond Behan**      Months Mind  
**Paddy & Sheila O'Farrell**      Anniv.

*May they rest in peace*

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** is a Bank Holiday.  
 Morning Mass at 10:00am.  
 There will be no evening Mass.

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>** is the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday Mass and devotion to St. Pio at 10:00am

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>** is the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 10:00am mass will be offered for all those on the Altar List of the Dead

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>** is the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 11:00am mass will be offered for all on the Mass Bouquet List

**Ministers of the Eucharist and Word**

The new rosters for the May, June & July are on the notice board, on our website and are available for collection from the sacristy. We thank you for your continued dedication to both Ministries.

**Sacrament of Baptism**

The following Babies were welcomed into the faith community of our parish during April.



*Senan Robert Connolly*  
*Izzy Stacey*  
*Jake Paul Ryan*  
*Noah Liam Ryan*  
*Sophie Frances Davis*  
*Karl Dante Dullaghan*  
*Noah Edwards Rao*  
*Frankie Thomas Gary Eivers*  
*Olly Christopher Mulcahy*

**St. Paul's Parish Volunteer Night**

St. Paul's Parish held a night of thanksgiving for the many volunteers that give of their personal time and talents in all areas of the parish. This night celebrated the superb commitment and dedication of our many volunteers in the parish. Ministers of the Eucharist & Word, Church Choirs, Cool Side of God & Ayrfield Youth Groups, all involved with the outdoor and indoor collections and counting, Floral Arrangements, those involved on the different Teams & Committees: Baptismal, Do This In Memory, You Shall Be My Witnesses, Liturgy, S.V.P., Legion of Mary, Church Cleaners, Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, Ayrwaves Newsletter – its production and distribution, and all who volunteer throughout the year for coffee mornings and other events. This was held on Tuesday in the Ayrfield Community Centre as a small token of appreciation to say thank you and everyone had a brilliant and entertaining night.



**Confirmation**

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April, the Sacrament of Confirmation was administered by Reverend Kieran McDermott, assisted by Fr. Boyle and Fr. Colreavy, to the boys and girls of St. Paul's Senior School. We congratulate the children and we pray that we will continue to nourish the seed sown at Confirmation and help our young people to become strong and proud witnesses to their faith.

A lot of time and dedication went into the preparation for this special day in the life of our parish and we sincerely thank all those who made this day possible.

Firstly we thank the class teachers, Ms. Hackett and Mr. Tracey, Principal Mr. Brougham, the school 5<sup>th</sup> class choir under the careful direction of Mr. O'Shea, Ms. Moriarty and Ms. Di Murro and organist Eoin Tierney.

We also thank the Parents Association and the members of the Confirmation Team who facilitated the programme ***You Shall Be My Witnesses***. The Team members were Christy Foley, Darren McDermott, Alison McNeill, Catriona Fitzpatrick, Claire Whelan, Celine Dowling, Lee Redmond, Caroline Flynn, Celine Connolly and the programme co-ordinator Irene Creaner. Rosemary Lavelle from the office of Evangelisation & Ecumenism facilitated the first two meetings and Irene Creaner co-ordinated the following meetings which were held over four weeks.

Many thanks too, to all who cleaned and prepared the church and to Ann Kane for the beautiful floral arrangements.

**Thought for the day:**      In Times of Difficulty

***The phrase 'do not be afraid' is written in the Bible three-hundred and sixty-five times. That's a daily reminder from God to live every day being fearless. So when times are tough and we face difficulties we can trust in God. Oswald Chambers advised 'we have to pray with our eyes on God, not on our difficulties.' Sometimes we have to pray hardest when it is hardest to pray. When life gives you more than you can stand ... kneel.*** (Oxygen for the Soul, Ailís Travers)

**Prayer:**      'Be not afraid'

***I shall walk through the dark valley, I shall not fear. I fear no harm for you are at my side. Your rod and staff shall give me courage, no evil shall befall me, no weakness in my step. Lord with you by my side I shall not be afraid. I will be still and know that you are God***

**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.*