

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

THE GLORIA

Glorify to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 137:1-3,6-8

R. On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. [R]

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. [R]

3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes. [R]

4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. [R]

SECOND READING Colossians 2:12 - 14

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians.

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised; he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 11:1 - 13

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said: 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it to him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up



focus on sunday

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 24th July 2016

Prayer is being confident in the care and power of God to give us constantly in our lives what he knows is good and valuable for us. We must feel free to ask God for all our needs.



"On the day
I called,
you answered me,
Lord."

and give his friend all he wants. 'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

All bow for following two lines: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.



People talk often about prayer. They wonder what it does, how they should pray, if they are praying right and if it is worthwhile.

INCREASE OF FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

Jesus encourages us to pray with persistence. Not just to keep asking, but to have a rhythm of prayer in our lives - times when we pray, places, spontaneously during the day. He also gives an indication of what it does for you. It brings an increase in faith, hope and love. We may not get the specific intention we ask for, but we always get the Holy Spirit. In asking, knocking on God's door, in seeking, we always find God opening to us, giving us something, and finding a new rootedness in life.

The first gift of prayer is to know the love of God. I have never left prayer the poorer than when I began.

Prayer increases our trust in God. We know God gives to us abundantly and is with us in love. Sometimes giving something very specific but never giving nothing. Mother Teresa's prayer times were full of darkness but this darkness gave her the energy to love the very poor.

So pray for what you need and then leave the prayer with God, to be answered as he can. We can ask with a full heart, hoping for an answer, but knowing always we can trust in our God, in Jesus Christ.

If we wonder if we are praying right, we look for the fruits in our lives. If we receive the Holy Spirit in prayer we will find mercy, generosity and love appealing to us; and try to live that way.

Donal Neary S.J., Editor Sacred Heart Messenger.

St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
24th July 2016

Mass Times
Saturday : 6 pm Vigil
Sundays : 10:30 am & 12 noon
Weekdays : Mon. – Fri. 10:00 am
Mon. 7:30 pm Sat. 11:00 am

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

Saturday 23rd July 6:00 pm
Joe & Breeda Barry
 50th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday 24th July 10:30am
Baby Evan Noel Kelly
 Birthday & 6th Anniversary

12:00noon
Lisa Kelly
 Anniversary

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 Your prayers are also requested for the happy repose of the soul of  
**Denise McQuillen** recently deceased

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 10:00am  
**Kathleen, Gerald & William Begg**  
 Anniversary

*May they rest in peace*

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July**  
 Feast Day of St. James, Apostle

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July**  
 Memorial Day of Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July**  
 Memorial Day of St. Martha

**Sacrament of Marriage**   
 Congratulations to **Anne-Marie Lyons** and **Robert Kirwan** on the occasion of their marriage in our church this week.

**50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**  
 Congratulations to **Joe and Breeda Barry** on celebrating their **50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary** with mass at 6pm on Saturday. 

 **Padre Pio Main Mass in Knock - 18<sup>th</sup> Sep. 2016**

There is a coach being organised for the Padre Pio Main Mass in knock on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September**. The seats are **€25 each** and the bus will **depart from St. Paul's Church at 8am sharp**.

Please give your name into the Parish office or Sacristy if you are interested in order to secure your seat. Travel in comfort with plush semi-leather reclining seats, Air Conditioning and WiFi.

This trip includes – Bottle Water and Fruit, Pick up from the Church, stopping in Athlone before proceeding to Knock. The return journey will be stopping off in Athlone and drop off at St. Paul's Church. For more information you can contact **Padraig O'Connell** on **083 848 1644**

**Our Lady of Knock Prayer Group** meeting will take place on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>** of July at **8pm** in St Gabriel's Nursing Home, Glenayle Road, Raheny.

**Thought for the day:** *"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find;*  
 When we give time to prayer we always receive something back, prayer in itself changes us. Through prayer we are transformed. St. Ignatius speaks of the effect of prayer – and increase in faith, hope and love. We may not get the specific intention but we always get the Holy Spirit. Prayer never leaves us poorer than when we begin. In the knocking at the door itself something is opened. In asking and seeking we get something. The first gift of prayer is the love of God. Other gifts follow. Prayer increases our trust in God, that he wants our good and is with us in love. So we pray for what we need and then leave the prayer with God, to be answered as he will This is one of the greatest faiths of all. (Fr. Donal Nearly, S.J.)

**Prayer:** *Our Father, holy be your name, your kingdom come and will be done within me and in earth and heaven.*

 **Beds for Beaumont** See article on Page 5 of our June edition of *Ayrwaves*. As infection is a huge concern for people with C.F. they need to be isolated, but with only seven single rooms available in Beaumont for C.F. patients they often have to share a six bed ward leaving them at risk. One of our parishioners Deirdre Kelly, decided in September 2015 to do a charity walk for a new C.F. inpatient unit in memory of her daughter Lisa who at only 19 died in September 2013.

This would make being in hospital for young adults with C.F. easier and with less risks than being in the public wards. Friends decided to join her on the walk, they began walking 20k every week for 50 weeks getting family and friends to sponsor them €2 a week hoping to raise €5000 for the new C.F. unit in Beaumont. We are now at week number 43.

If you would like to donate, there is a collection box inside the entrances of the church where anonymous donations can be left in an envelope or it can be given into the parish office or sacristy or get in touch with Deirdre Kelly **087 6141 271** or Caroline Sutton **086 1659 349**.

**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.*

