

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:
 Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
 Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:
 Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
 Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood:
 Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us..... Amen.

THE GLORIA

Glory 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.



OPENING PRAYER

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 66:18-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
 The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses; in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM P.S. 116

R. Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.

- O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! **[R]**
- Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever. **[R]**

SECOND READING Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 13:22-30

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.
 Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, "Sir, will there be only a few saved?" He said to them, "Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed. "Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

"Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

"Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last."

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

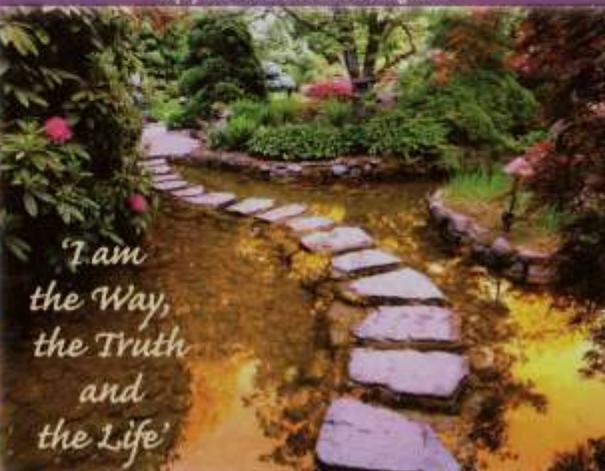
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I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;



focus on sunday

The message of God's Kingdom is offered to people of every race. However, only those who follow the path of Jesus will enjoy the reward of God's Kingdom.



The narrow gate is an interesting image. Only the essentials would get in and out. At that time a camel with all its load wouldn't fit. Jesus is reminding us of how little we really need.

Being with him, we can live in some simplicity.

BAGGAGE

That can burden us — go to an airport and if you have little you get through quickly. The little ways we build ourselves up to be important! St Ignatius lists three things that block us from God and from living life to the full — obsessions with wealth, honour and pride. Wealth — would it be the burden of debts for money we really didn't need? Wanting to have the best. Honour — Demanding others look up to us. Always feeling we have to be first and best, even how we dress and look. Pride — that we are in charge of our lives. Then we have less room for God.

The narrow gate is the happy gate. One of our pictures is of an idyllic pathway leading to the narrow gate. We need little to be happy. We need the rest to be satisfied. We can even have too much religious baggage. Too many rituals and prayers and not enough love and compassion. We can stuff ourselves with rituals and rightness and forget compassion.

But is it really narrow? The gospel and the first reading — when we live simply there is room for everyone. And the strangest of people will move in with us. It's not really narrow — for all are invited to get through. That is the role of the Church, to welcome all.

Jesus invites us to meet him at this narrow gate and be less cluttered. Then we walk with him, and will need no more.

Lord, make my heart like yours.

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| <p>St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield  Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time 21st August 2016</p> | <p>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</p> | <p>Contact: Co-Parish Priest Fr. Paddy Boyle 086 1011 415 Co-Parish Priest Fr. Gerry Corcoran (Moderator) 01 847 9822 Team Assistant Fr. Tom Colreavy (Retired) 01 848 4836 Parish Office 8160984 Sacristy 8160981 www.stpaulsparishayrfield.com Email : parishofficeayrfield@eircom.net</p> |
| <p><i>We remember at Mass and in our prayers those who have gone before us</i></p> <p><u>Saturday 20th August 6:00 pm</u></p> <p>John Wynne Anniversary</p> <p><u>Sunday 21st August</u> 12:00noon</p> <p>Deirdre Bassett 1st Anniversary</p> <p>~~~~~ Your prayers are requested for Mary Hedderman & Angela O'Brien recently deceased ~~~~~</p> <p><u>Tuesday 23rd August 10:00am</u></p> <p>Eileen & Dan Barry Anniversary</p> <p><u>Wednesday 24th August 10:00am</u></p> <p>Catherine Wynne Birthday Remembrance</p> <p><u>Thursday 25th August 10:00am</u></p> <p>Carl Kenworthy 11th Anniversary</p> <p><i>May they rest in peace</i></p> | <p>Monday 22nd August is the Memorial of The Queenship of Mary.</p> <p><i>During the Middle Ages, Mary was venerated as queen of the angels and saints. Pope Pius XII prescribed the memorial for the universal Church at the close of the Marian Year 1955. It is placed on this date to stress the connection of Mary's queenship with the Assumption.</i></p> <hr/> <p>Wednesday 24th August is the Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle.</p> <p><i>St. Bartholomew's name occurs in the Synoptic Gospels only in the list of apostles. He is probably to be identified with Nathanael of Cana, whom Philip brings to our Lord. Preached the Gospel into India. He is the patron saint of plasterers, tanners and leather worker.</i></p> <hr/> <p>Saturday 27th August is the Memorial of St. Monica.</p> <p><i>St. Monica converted her pagan husband Patricus to the faith, and by her prayers and tears brought her son St. Augustine to Christianity and a moral life. She is the patron saint of mothers.</i></p> <hr/> <p>Our Lady of Knock Prayer Group Meeting will take place on Thursday 25th of August at 8pm in St Gabriel's Nursing Home, Glenayle Road, Raheny.</p> | <p>Thought for the day: <i>"Go out to all the world and tell the Good News."</i></p> <p><i>'All Christians should renew their personal encounter with Jesus Christ' –</i></p> <p><i>'I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since "no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord". The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms. Now is the time to say to Jesus: "Lord, I have let myself be deceived; in a thousand ways I have shunned your love, yet here I am once more, to renew my covenant with you. I need you. Save me once again, Lord, take me once more into your redeeming embrace.'</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(Pope Francis, Joy of the Gospel)</i></p> <hr/> <p>Prayer: Lord, teach me to know you, to love you, to serve you.</p> <hr/> <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="flex: 1;">  <p>Family Carers Ireland, Carer of the Year Awards 2016</p> <p>Throughout Ireland, Family Carers dedicate themselves to providing remarkable levels of care in the home to their loved ones.</p> <p>Once a year we can give them the acknowledgement they deserve through the Carers of the Year Awards. We need your help to identify these carers. If you know a Carer, whether a relative, neighbour or a friend, who you think should be recognised and rewarded for the extraordinary levels of care they provide to a loved one, then please nominate them.</p> <p>There are two Categories of Awards: Carer of the Year and Young Carer of the Year and this year we are acknowledging the increasing numbers of young carers and for the first time there will be 4 regional Young Carer of the Year awards. Thank you for your support.</p> <p>Ways to nominate are: on-line by completing the nomination form at www.familycarers.ie or Email jmillman@familycarers.ie</p> <p>Telephone: 053 9140511 to request a nomination form.</p> </div> </div> |

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