

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you healed the sick:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you give yourself to heal us and bring us strength:
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, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Wisdom 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom
"What man can know the intentions of God?
Who can divine the will of the Lord?
The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;
for a perishable body presses down the soul,
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.
It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,
labourous to know what lies within our reach;
who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?
As for your intention, who could have learnt it,
had you not granted Wisdom and sent your
holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on
earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases
you, and saved, by Wisdom."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 89:3-6. 12-14.17

R. O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone,

- no more than a watch in the night. [R]
2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. [R]
3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. [R]
4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. [R]

SECOND READING Philemon 9-10.12-17

A reading from the letter of Paul to Philemon

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say - a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother, especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 14:25-33

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. "If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

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

focus on sunday

The christian's life is centred on God and not on possessions or wealth: these are to be used in the service of God.

CENTRE YOUR LIFE

ON GOD

AND NOT

POSSESSIONS.



All our big decisions affect others. Family decisions on borrowing for example have long-term effects and the decision of the coach can affect the final. Jesus uses two examples of how people's decisions affect others.

DECISIONS AFFECT OTHERS.

Kings going to war were a part of life. The king could endanger the lives of others, and the tower builder could build a structure that collapses on everyone. The cost was huge! Maybe he wasted his family's money on the tower. Others were affected by his decisions.

The common good is strong or weak based on decisions made. How many political decisions affect us for the worse like questions on education - chaplaincy and guidance counsellors in schools, - how many children needing help are affected by this.

SELF AND VESTED INTERESTS

We live in a world that is very relative. Self and vested interests become overly important, in business, politics, and church organisations.

Like when a coach selects the team to get a backhander! Or tickets given out in a club to benefit a few people.

Putting Jesus at the centre is living life with his type of motivation.

Not looking like him, or a Jesus badge, but trying to do things out of love and service, and reaching out to others. Following Christ is not having lovely memories of childhood or even the gospel. It is putting his way of life into action today.

Lord, may I listen to your spirit in making my decisions, big and small. Amen.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger.

NICENE CREED

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, through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that, through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty, and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant that your faithful, O Lord whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

Twenty Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
4th September 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 3rd September 6:00 pm

Billie Hanratty Anniversary

Sunday 4th September 10:30am

Pete Hancock 19th Anniversary

12:00noon

Peter Doyle 1st Anniversary

Tommy Lewis 3rd Anniversary

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*Your prayers are requested for*  
**Margaret Lillicrap**  
 recently deceased  
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Monday 5th September 10:00am

Margaret Lillicrap Funeral Mass

7:30pm

Richie Molloy Rec. deceased

May they rest in peace

Tuesday 6th is the 1st Tuesday mass and devotion to St. Pio at 10:00am.

Thursday 8th is the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Vincent De Paul
 The Society will take up their monthly collection after all masses next weekend, **12th & 13th September.**

Party in aid of

Pieta House

A fundraising event will be held in the **Ayrfield Community Centre** on **Saturday, 10th September at 8:00pm.** Tickets **€10** each.

All funds raised will go directly to Pieta House, Suicide and Self Harm Crisis Centre. This Centre provides a free service for all. **www.pieta.ie**
 For more details of this event contact **Stacey or Pat Paisley on 085 827 2274**

You are never too old to learn something new

Yes, it is that time of the year again when DCU opens its doors to both young and older learners. DCU's Age Friendly Coordinator, Christine O'Kelly would like to invite all parishioners to the **'Taste of DCU'** day on **September 16th**. It is a **FREE** event with lunch provided, people just need to register. For more details see the poster on our notice board. The Intergenerational Learning Programme will be announcing their Autumn schedule on the day.

Eucharistic Adoration
 Eucharistic adoration resumes after the summer break from **Monday 5th September.** All are welcome.

Mon-Fri 9:30 am – 10:00 am
Mon & Wed 10:30 am – 12:00 noon & 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm



Thought for the day:

"I want to know God's thoughts; the rest are details" Einstein
 'Giving up possessions is a huge demand of Jesus. It can be misunderstood and cause grief. What Jesus means is that we identify what it is in us that may block us being his disciples. Wealth may provide comfort, status in society or the Church. Security, or whatever centres our concern, and whatever keeps up from acting justly with and for others.' (Donal Neary S.J.)

Created in the likeness of God, we are created good. In each of us is the desire to nourish what is good and best in us. We wish to do the same for our children, our pupils or anyone in our care. We ask God's blessing on all the children, their parents and their teachers as they begin another school year.

Prayer: Lord, give us a desire for the good in our lives and help us live by your good gospel.

Mindfulness Meditation Course
 Step out of the normal stress reaction and find a way to manage it by using **MINDFULNESS!** It helps to live life more fully and enjoyably!
 Researched proven benefits of mindfulness practice include, reductions in stress, anxiety, blood pressure, physical and emotional pain! improvements in immune system, emotional well being, memory & creativity
 Course begins, Wed 14th Sept at 19.30 – in Capuchin Friary, Raheny Road, Dublin 5
See our notice board for more details

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.*