

focus on sunday

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

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 founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ...

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Amos 8: 4 - 7

A reading from the prophet Amos.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 112: 1 - 2, 4 - 8

R. Praise the Lord, who raises the poor,

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore!



2. High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God,

who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down to look down upon heaven and earth? (R)

3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. (R)

SECOND READING 1 Timothy 2: 1-8

A reading from the letter of Paul to Timothy

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone - petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving - and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our Saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and - I am telling the truth and no lie - a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 16: 1-13 (Shorter form in italics "16: 10 - 13")

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

'Jesus said to his disciples: "There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes." Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty." The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light. And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. "The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is

dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. Through Christ our Lord.

The prophet Amos reminds us of our duty not to exploit the poor and needy while in today's Gospel St. Luke tells us that we cannot serve both God and money. If we serve God, then, we will not forget today's victims of poverty.



The gospel is the story of a man looking after himself and his family when he was losing his job. He let some debtors off the interest on a bill owed to his master so that they would look after him later.

Jesus doesn't recommend dishonesty but recommends that we be as concerned for godness as he was for dishonesty. The children of the world are clever - so lead honestly by example and the will follow.

HUMOROUS WAY

The parable is Jesus' gentle humorous way of saying that we have to deal with life as it is, and it would be great if we were as passionate in the cause of good as your man was in looking after himself! Jesus used this situation to teach us a lesson about money and God; He uses many situations to widen our view of God who is total love, total mercy, and total forgiveness. Let's leave judgment to him and widen the compassion of our hearts.

The parable makes us think that we get into messy situations, and this man was trying to do his best, although his actions were self-serving and required more honesty. So what should he have done?

The message as well is to use money in the service of God, 'tainted though it is'. We know how our wealth and prosperity can lead to greed or corruption, or to improving the lives of others. Everything we have is a gift, to be used for the common good

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**St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield**  

**Twenty Fifth Sunday**  
**in Ordinary Time**  
**18<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm

**Sean Connolly**  
8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Joseph Ashmore**  
Birthday Rem.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 12:00noon

**Jack & Denise Kirwan**  
Anniversaries

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 Your prayers are requested for  
**Paul Kennedy** recently deceased  
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Monday 19<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm

**Irene Montgomery**  
Anniversary

*May they rest in peace*

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>** is the Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>** is the Memorial of St. Padre Pio.

**The National Maternity Hospital** will hold its Annual Remembrance Service held in memory of babies who have died in the hospital through miscarriage, stillbirth or shortly after birth on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 3.00pm** in the Church of St Andrew, Westland Row, Dublin 2.  
 For more info contact the Chaplaincy Dept National Maternity Hospital, Holles Street, Dublin 2 - **01 6373121** (Bleeps **080 / 131**). All welcome.


**Infant Jesus Sisters' Mission in Nigeria**   
 Fundraising night

**Table Quiz!** **Ayrfield Community Centre**  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm**

**Tables of 4 - €10 per person**  
**Tickets available at the door**

**For more information contact**  
**Kathleen 087-6304111**

**Ayrwaves**  
 Closing date for submission of articles, advertisements, etc. for the next edition of Ayrwaves is  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**  
 Email: [ayrwaves@gmail.com](mailto:ayrwaves@gmail.com) or contact the parish office on **8160984**

 Social Support Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin

The Annual Collection for **CROSSCARE Community & Homeless Services** will be taken up at all masses this weekend the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> September. This will replace the normal SHARE collection.

Inspired by the example and teachings of Jesus Christ, Crosscare has:  
 A **VISION** of a society where all people have the opportunity to fulfil their potential. A **MISSION** to provide innovation and relevant services to those most in need.

**Thought for the day:** *'No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other'* (Lk 16:13)

Begin the Day with God! He is your Sun and Day!  
 His is the radiance of your dawn; To Him address your day  
 Sing your first song to God! Not to your fellow men;  
 Not to the creatures of His hand, but to the glorious One  
 Your first transaction be With God Himself above;  
 so will your business prosper well; all the day be love. (Horatius Bonar)

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, I place my trust in you

 **Legion of Mary - Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine**  
**Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Cost:** €32 which includes coach, snack (tea/ coffee, scone) on outward journey and light hot meal on homeward journey. Children €20.  
**Departure Point:** Blunden Drive, outside the church. **Time:** 7:30am approx  
**Book early to avoid disappointment.** For further information and/or reserve seat contact: **Meg Offiah 087 – 9521 1048** or **Jimmy Lyons 086 – 3287 343**

**Secondary School Open Days of interest for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class pupils:**

**Mercy College, Malahide Road** (Girls) - Monday **19<sup>th</sup> Sep** 7pm – 9pm  
**St. Paul's College, Raheny** (Boys) - Monday **19<sup>th</sup> Sep** 6:30pm – 8:30pm