

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Have mercy on us, O Lord.
For we have sinned against you.
Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
And grant us your salvation.



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

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

THE GLORIA

Glorify 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

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2 - 4

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen;
to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save?
Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny
Outrage and violence, this is all I see,
all is contention, and discord flourishes.
Then the Lord answered and said,
'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfillment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail.
'See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'



The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM P.S.94: 1-2, 6-9

R. O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **[R]**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **[R]**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test, when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **[R]**

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 1:5 - 8 13 - 14

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

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious: guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 17: 5 - 10

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.'

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

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,



focus on sunday

Day for Life

Faith is a gift which is deepened or weakened in the experiences of our lives. Joy and success can make it easy to believe in God; sorrow and failure threatens our faith in God's care. Our readings encourage us to keep faith in all life's ups and downs.

TODAY
IS THE
DAY FOR
LIFE

FAITH
BLOSSOMS
WITH
TIME



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,

All bow for following three lines:
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

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the sacrifices instituted by your commands and, through the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate with dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work by which you are pleased to redeem us. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Though many, we are one bread, one body, for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume. Through Christ our Lord.



The mustard seed image portrays that all faith looks weak but is strong –because faith links us in a flow with God who is strong. God makes strong faith out of weakness. People often find that at bad times they recover some faith. We are born with seeds of faith, all of us.

Faith grows in us, no matter what faith we belong to. Seeds all look the same. Many bulbs look alike. Then they grow and the bulb looks more like what it will become. Faith grows in different groups and situations.

It is something strong. It can mean people will die for it. It may not be seen but is there.

In our communities of faith, faith grows. But faith is there before the church! We are born into faith and baptised into the church.

Faith grows within our church community. In prayer, in the parish and school, in the family. School can do little for religion if it is not in the home. Like the bulb it can be nourished or die. Even a light bulb needs to be turned on.


Big questions or bad times in life can nourish our faith if we turn to God. Like the daffodil bulb needs manure to nourish it, our faith can be nourished by what seems weak or even bad in life. Addiction or loss and illness can bring a person close to God.

Today is the day for life, and we are looking at life in its challenging times: how we respect life in its first stages, and its last.

Early life and late life challenges faith. Help us Lord as a nation and as individuals to really respect life.

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St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield
Twenty Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time
2nd October 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 1st 6:00 pm
Helen Whelan 13th Anniversary
Sunday 2nd 10:30am
Margaret Lillicrap Months Mind
12:00noon
Mary Townsend 17th Anniversary
Monday 3rd 10:00am
Brian Graytrox Anniversary
Tuesday 4th 10:00am
Paddy Cass Birthday Rem.
Wednesday 5th 10:00am
Deceased members of the Roach & Reilly Families Anniv.
Thursday 6th 10:00am
Owen Rooney Anniversary
May they rest in peace

Tuesday 4th is the 1st Tuesday. Mass and devotion to St. Pio at 10:00am
Friday 7th is the 1st Friday
 10:00am mass will be offered for all those on the Altar List of the Dead.
Tuesday 4th is the Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi
Friday 7th is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

St. Vincent De Paul
 The Society will take up their monthly collection after all masses next weekend, **8th & 9th October.**

 **Eucharistic Adoration**
 Eucharistic adoration is cancelled all this week and will resume again on **Monday 10th October.**

Liturgy Group Meeting
 A meeting of the liturgy team will take place on **Monday, 3rd October** in the Pastoral Centre at **6 pm.**

Outdoor Collectors
 A meeting will be held for all outdoor collectors on **Tuesday, 4th October** at **7pm** in the Pastoral Centre.

Blessing for Expectant Mothers
 A special blessing for expectant mothers will take place on **Wednesday 5th October** at **8pm** in Our Lady of Mercy Church, Brookwood Grove, Artane.

Cool Side of God
 The Junior club, 2nd – 5th class, will be restarting this week on **Thursday, 6th Oct** from **7pm – 8:30pm** in the Pastoral Centre.

Ayrfield Men's Shed "Asgard" presentation
 Pat Murphy presents the life of this famous yacht in the Ayrfield Community Centre on **Tuesday 4th Oct** at **2:30pm.**
 All are welcome to attend.

Thought for the day: *The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."*

In today's Gospel Jesus says that we do not need much faith – only the size of a mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds in his time. Does he really mean this? He seems to be saying that faith does not depend on us. It is a gift from God that grows throughout our lives, 'fanned into a flame', as in the second reading. We should have confidence in the faith we have rather than always berating ourselves that it is little. In the Christian parish and community there is often more faith than we realise. (Donal Neary, S.J.)

Prayer: *Lord I believe, help thou my unbelief.* (St. Thomas)

Coffee Weekend – This Weekend in aid of St. Francis Hospice
 St. Paul's Parish will host a Coffee/Tea Weekend after all masses **this weekend 1st & 2nd October** in aid of St. Francis Hospice, Raheny/Blanchardstown.



Your support will help create funds so that patients and families will experience compassionate caring at a deep physical, spiritual and emotional level at a time when patients and families are most in need.

The Hospice services are delivered from their hospices in Raheny and Blanchardstown. Based on a Christian philosophy, each person is treated with dignity, respect and compassion irrespective of their cultural or religious background. Their services are at no charge to patients.

Annually they need to raise €3.6 million to repay capital debt on St. Francis Hospice Blanchardstown and to cover the shortfall in funding for St. Francis Hospice Raheny and Blanchardstown. With your support they can do it!

Infant Jesus Sisters' Mission in Nigeria
 Fundraising night
Ayrfield Community Centre
Friday 14th October at 8pm
Tables of 4 - €10 per person Tickets available at the door
For more information contact Kathleen 087-6304111




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.*

