

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You came to call sinners:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:  
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**

Almighty and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING** Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2

*A reading from the Book of Wisdom*

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you?

You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 144:1-2,8-11,13-14

**R. I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.**

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,  
I will bless your name for ever.  
I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.

[R]

- The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. [R]
- All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. [R]
- The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. [R]

**SECOND READING** 2 Thessalonians 1:11 - 2:2

*A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians*

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** Luke 19: 1- 10

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.*

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house,' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

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

**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, 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**  
May these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, become for you a pure oblation, and for us a holy outpouring of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

**AFTER THE CONSECRATION**  
*The mystery of faith.*  
Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**  
**You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**  
May the working of your power, O Lord, increase in us, we pray, so that, renewed by these heavenly Sacraments, we may be prepared by your gift for receiving what they promise. Through Christ our Lord.

God loves everything he creates; nothing he makes is evil. Similarly he loves and befriends each of his people and the gospel story is of Jesus' friendship with a man whom everyone else looked down on.



**Focus**  
Have you ever had an experience which changed your life totally – a big change? Can be falling in love, birth of your child or grandchild, a book, travel to the developing world. Meeting someone who blew your mind – like Zacchaeus. A retreat or introduction to prayer. A big friendship. Marriage. Change happens all around when we are open to it.

**A LITTLE MAN WITH A BIG PROBLEM.**  
Zacchaeus was a little man with a big problem. Nobody liked him, he was a cheat and robbed the people through exorbitant taxes. He cheated people, like an addiction. Something in him wanted to change and become a better person.

A small man who wanted to see Jesus. Little did he know he had a big heart. No, he had diddled people, stolen their savings and made them afraid to declare their money. He was rich but very unhappy. Maybe he needed minders to keep him safe and huge security in his house.

**A BETTER LIFE.**  
He had heard of Jesus. Jesus looked at him up a tree and Zacchaeus raced down, hitting the ground fast so Jesus wouldn't go by him. Something about this man could cleanse him of his guilt, and help him live a better life. Make the best of him. Maybe Jesus looked at him like nobody else did. No condemnation, only an invitation – to go to his house. Then he knew from his meeting with Jesus that he would change his life. He would give back what he robbed. He was willing to make amends, be less judgmental, more patient, and respectful of the other, hope for a more just world. All what Jesus asks? *Let the words echo: 'I must stay at your house today'. Imagine yourself opening your ordinary door and allow Jesus into your home and your life. Lord, céad míle fáilte, a hundred thousand welcomes. Donal Neary SJ.*

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**St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield**  

**Thirty First Sunday**  
**in Ordinary Time**  
**30<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm  
**John Greene** Anniversary

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 10 :30am  
**Mary & Robert McGran** Anniv.  
**Margaret & James Fitzsimons** Birthday Rem.  
 12:00pm  
**Kevin Tabbot** 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> 7:30pm  
**Gerry Kavanagh** 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> 10 :00am  
**James Sutton** 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

*May they rest in peace*

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> is a Bank Holiday,**  
 morning mass will be at **10:00am**

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**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November is**  
**The Feast Of All Saints.**  
 Mass at 10:00am and  
 Vigil Mass on Monday at 7:30pm

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**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November is**  
**The Commemoration Of All**  
**The Faithful Departed.**

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**Mission Sunday**  
 The Annual Collection in aid of **World Missions** amounted to **€ 645.**

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**Infant Jesus Sisters Mission in Nigeria**  
 The money raised on the night of the Table Quiz and donations from those unable to attend amounted to **€ 1,100.**  
 The Sisters in Nigeria have written to say a big 'Thank-you' to St. Paul's parishioners for your continued support and generosity and have assured us that the funds will be put to good use for their various projects. May God bless all our generous donors.

**Thought for the day:**

*God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.*

Tomorrow night is Hallowe'en. It literally means the eve of All hallows, the eve of all Saints. It was meant to be a celebration in anticipation of the Feast of all Saints on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November. It is now, for all intents and purposes a pagan commercial celebration with little or no understanding of the Christian nature of its origins. But Hallowe'en does herald in the month of November which begins with the beautiful feast of All Saints. On the 1<sup>st</sup> of November we remember and honour those saints, the men and women, family friends and neighbours whom we knew and loved and who have gone before us and are now enjoying the peace and happiness of heaven. During the month of November, we remember our dead, our deceased relatives and friends and we assist them with our prayers as they prepare for their entry into the full presence of our God, our Creator, our Father.

Prayer: May the souls of the faithful departed,  
 Through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>** is the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday. Mass and devotion to St. Pio at 10:00am

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup>** is the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday  
 10:00am mass will be offered for all those on the Altar List of the Dead.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>** is the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday  
 11:00am mass will be offered for all those on the Mass Bouquet List.


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**Outdoor Collections** will be taken up on Tuesday evening, due to the bank holiday weekend.


**Ministers of the Eucharist and Word**  
 The new rosters for the November, December 2016 and January 2017 are available for collection from the sacristy, on the notice board and on our website. We thank you for your continued dedication to both Ministries.

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**Ayrwaves**  
 Spare Copies of the parish Newsletter October edition of Ayrwaves are available in the church stands. We thank all those who helped collate and deliver this edition.

 **St. Paul's Remembrance Mass**  
 On **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November** at **6pm** we will be celebrating our annual Remembrance Mass for all those of our community who have died during the last twelve months. It is good as a community, to gather, to pray and to remember.  
 Light refreshments will be served in the Pastoral Centre after the mass.

**November List of the Dead**  
 Spare envelopes are available on both church stands. Hopefully you will have received one with your October issue of Ayrwaves recently. These envelopes with completed lists and offerings can be returned to the church and placed in the boxes provided or given to your outdoor collector.

 Remembrance Mass for deceased members of **O'Toole's G.A.C.** will be celebrated in **O'Tooles G.A.C. Clubhouse** on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November** time to be confirmed.

**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.*