

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

**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**

Almighty ever-living God,  
who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth,  
mercifully hear the pleading of your people and  
bestow your peace on our times.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING Isaiah 49: 3-6**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel,  
in whom I shall be glorified';  
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,  
my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken,  
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant,  
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the  
survivors of Israel:  
I will make you the light of the nations  
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the  
earth.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 39: 2-4 7-10**

**R. Here I am, Lord!**

**I come to do your will.**

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord

and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.  
He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God. *[R]*

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,  
but an open ear.  
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.  
Instead, here am I. *[R]*

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written  
that I should do your will.  
My God, I delight in your law  
in the depth of my heart. *[R]*

4. Your justice I have proclaimed  
in the great assembly.  
My lips I have not sealed;  
you know it, O Lord. *[R]*

**SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:1-3**

**A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians**

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together  
with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church  
of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ,  
who are called to take their place among all the saints  
everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he  
is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived  
among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to  
become children of God. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL John 1:29-34**

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

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look,  
there is the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the  
world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man  
is coming after me who ranks before me because he  
existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet  
it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with  
water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming  
down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on  
him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent  
me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man  
on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is  
the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit."  
Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the  
Chosen One of God.'

**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.



focus on sunday

(World Day of Migrants and Refugees) Christian Unity Week

The life of Christ was spent in the service of God and all whom he met.  
Today we must follow his example and be ready to say 'Here I am Lord,  
I come to do your will.'



*"Look, there is the  
Lamb of God..."*

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**

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that  
we may participate worthily in  
these mysteries, for whenever  
the memorial of this sacrifice  
is celebrated the work of our  
redemption is accomplished.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**AFTER THE CONSECRATION**

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

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

**We have come to know and to  
believe in the love that God has  
for us.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of  
your love, and in your kindness  
make those you have nourished  
by this one heavenly Bread one in  
mind and heart.  
Through Christ our Lord.

On the world day of prayer for refugees and migrants we can ask why, as  
followers of Christ, we are so concerned about them! Our motivation is  
not just political, economic or humane only. It comes from the heart of God  
and of Christ. The people ask God: 'why should we welcome the stranger';  
God replies: 'You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the  
land of Egypt;' (Deut 10, 19).

Our motivation for concern for the stranger is, among others, to identify  
how we as a people were once strangers. Many of us remember the family  
members of the 1950s who went abroad for work with little other than a  
suitcase, finding nothing at home. We remember those of our family now  
who are strangers abroad and would we not love someone to help them?  
We can find the times in our own lives when we were greatly helped by  
others, at home or abroad, and try to return this.

For the 2017 world day, Pope Francis calls to us: "The mission of the  
Church... is thus to love Jesus Christ, to adore and love him particularly  
in the poorest and most abandoned. Among these are migrants and  
refugees who are trying to escape difficult living conditions and dangers  
of every kind."

Among the many migrants are those in our own congregation this  
weekend. We welcome them and hope they find shelter, employment  
and a good home, and a good welcome among us.

*Lord, you came among us from heaven. We pray today for all who have  
left their homeland.*  
Donal Neary SJ, Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger.

For a deeper understanding of welcoming the migrant to Ireland, please  
consider reading Fr. Alan Hilliard's book 'Open Heart, Open Hands' available  
through [www.messenger.ie](http://www.messenger.ie)

## St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield

Second Sunday in

Ordinary Time

15<sup>th</sup> January 2017



### Mass Times

Saturday : 6 pm Vigil  
Sundays : 10:30 am & 12 noon  
Weekdays : Mon. – Fri. 10:00 am  
Monday 7:30 pm

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*We remember at Mass and in our prayers those who have gone before us*

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm

**Patricia 'Pat' Matthews**

Months Mind

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am

**Hughbaird Gamble**

Remembrance Mass

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 12:00 noon

**Padraig O'Grady**

20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Paul McMahon**

50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Remembrance

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am

**Paddy Fitzsimons**

Birthday Remembrance

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm

**Fr. Martin, Bridie &**

**John Farragher**

Anniversary

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am

**Teresa Slattery**

Recently Deceased

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am

**Joseph Delaney**

Birthday Remembrance

*May they rest in peace*

*Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, takes place from 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January*

### Change in Mass Schedule

Beginning from **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January** there will be **no Saturday morning mass** held in St. Paul's Church each the month, except for a funeral mass or a holy day of obligation.

Mass will continue to be held on the **First Saturday** of every month at **11:00am** and will be offered for all those on the **Mass Bouquet List**.

**After 10am mass on the First Friday** of every month there will be a celebration of the **sacrament of the sick** for those who wish to avail of it.

### Do This In Memory Reminder

The next preparation mass for First Holy Communion will take place **next Sunday** at the **12:00 Family Mass**.

### Christmas Dues

Sincere thanks to all who have subscribed to our Christmas Dues.

Envelopes can be placed in the boxes provided in the church or given to your outdoor collector.

### Enrolment in St. Paul's J.N.S.

If you wish to have your child enrolled in St. Paul's Junior National School for **September 2017**, please call to the Junior School office before the end of January to complete an enrollment form.

### Thought for the day:

***The LORD bless you and keep you!  
The LORD let his face shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you!***

As we come to the end of the Christmas season let us remind ourselves once again that Mary was a young girl living in Nazareth in Galilee. Whatever hopes and aspirations she had for herself and her life were changed in a remarkable way when God sent the angel Gabriel to ask her to be the mother of His Son. Mary was faced with a choice. And with a profound faith the trust in God she chose to say Yes to God 'let it be done unto me, according to your word.' Mary the Mother of Jesus the Son God and her Son. Through Mary, because of Mary, 'the Word was made flesh and lived among us.'

**Prayer:** Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

### You Shall Be My Witnesses

You Shall Be My Witnesses is the Parish Preparation Programme for Confirmation. The second meeting, facilitated by Rosemary Lavelle, will take place in Clonliffe College on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> of January** from **7:30pm – 9:30pm**. Volunteer leaders will be picked up from the church car park at **7pm** on the night.

The programme for the children will take place in the Pastoral Centre over four weeks, on the following dates.

- **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 8:00pm – 9:00pm**
- **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017 8:00pm – 9:00pm**
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017 8:00pm – 9:00pm**
- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 8:00pm – 9:00pm**

We are very grateful to Paula & Lee Redmond who will be co-ordinating the programme this year. If you have any queries regarding the programme you may contact them at 086 159 8292

**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.*