

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

**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**

Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son, we may abound in good works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING** *Isaiah 8: 23 – 9:3*

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations. The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.



You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *Ps. 26:1.4.13-14*

**R. The Lord is my light and my help.**

1. The Lord is my light and my help,  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink? *[R]*

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple. *[R]*

3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! *[R]*

**SECOND READING** *1 Corinthians 1:10-13.17*

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

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** *Matthew 4:12-23 (or \* 4:12-17 italics)*

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

*"Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:*

*Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!  
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,  
Galilee of the nations!*

*The people that lived in darkness  
has seen a great light;  
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death  
a light has dawned.*

*From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent', for 'the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and*

# focus on sunday

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 22nd January 2017

(Catholic Schools Week)

The gospel and the life of Jesus makes true the words: "The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light". Christian life is a calling that this may continue to happen in every age, every place and in every society.



*"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."*



Something in Jesus attracted a group to follow him. They must have known of him already, had been looking forward to meeting him and now were ready to leave John the Baptist and follow him. Maybe they saw him as the one they admired in how he dealt with people with compassion and dignity; maybe his words and vision about a better world and the coming of God's kingdom drew them; maybe just his personality and his offer of friendship. Whatever it was, it was enough for them to throw in their lot with him, bringing others with them.

**SOMETHING FOR OURSELVES**

Something for ourselves. Can we find out what it is in Jesus that attracts us; what it is we might ask him for; what it is that inspires us to follow Jesus. He offers his friendship, forgiveness, and also a meaning to life. That life is lived for love, love for the people special to us and for the world, a love that reaches beyond here to eternity.

**TO DO THE WORLD A WORLD OF GOOD**

Our following of Jesus is following a person, not just a set of rules. We follow him to love the father who created us in his own image. We follow him to make our world a better place: 'to do the world a world of good'. Take time this week to be grateful that we have this friendship in our lives that gives life and breadth to every other love we have; and throw in our lot to bring about the kingdom of God in compassion, justice and love.

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followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him. He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

**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**

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them grant that they may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

**AFTER THE CONSECRATION**

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, receiving the grace by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift. Through Christ our Lord.

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## St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield



Third Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
22<sup>nd</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 21<sup>st</sup> 6:00 pm

**Marie Farrell**  
Anniversary

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:30 am

**Ann Farrelly**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

**Tim, Nora & Margaret Murphy & Baby Joseph Wilson**  
Anniversaries

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 12:00 noon

**Stephen Haugh**  
Birthday Remembrance

**Emily O'Rourke**  
4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*Your prayers are requested for*

**James Pimley & Sr. Hilary O'Rourke (I.J.)**  
recently deceased

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am

**Kathleen Carney**  
Recently Deceased

*May they rest in peace*

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> is the **Feast of The Conversion of St. Paul.**

### 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.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

There is adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the following times



**Monday:** 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
and 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

**Monday Night:** 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Tuesday:** 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Wednesday:** 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
and 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

**Wednesday Night:** 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Thursday:** 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Friday:** 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**All are welcome**

**Our Lady of Knock Prayer Group** meeting will take place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> of January at 8pm in St Gabriel's Nursing Home, Glenayle Road, Raheny.

### Do This In Memory

At the 12 o'clock Family Mass this Sunday, we welcome the children who are preparing for First Holy Communion and their parents/guardians. The focus of this mass is the sacrament of Baptism. Water is blessed as a reminder of our own baptism as we continue to help the children on their journey.



### Baptism Preparation



Preparation night for parents and godparents of children who will be baptised during the month of **February**, will take place on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm** in the Pastoral Centre.

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

### Thought for the day: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year, 22<sup>nd</sup> January

**Church Unity Week:** we are in the middle of Church Unity week during which we pray for unity and harmony in our Church and we remember Christian's of all denominations through the world that we may all be true followers of Christ our Lord. **"True ecumenism is based on a shared conversion to Jesus Christ as our Lord and Redeemer. If we draw close to him, we draw close also to one another"** (Pope Francis)

As we mark the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, it is important that we concentrate on those things which unite us as Christians, followers of Jesus Christ our way, our truth and our life

### Prayer for Christian Unity: *Ut unum sint: that they may be one*

Lord Jesus Christ, at your Last Supper you prayed to the Father that all should be one. Send your Holy Spirit upon all who bear your name and seek to serve you. Strengthen our faith in you, and lead us to love one another in humility. May we who have been reborn in one baptism be united in one faith under one Shepherd. Amen.

### Outdoor Collections

The outdoors collection envelope boxes are available in the Parish Office for collection and distribution. A sincere thank you to all our dedicated collectors, counters and contributors each year.

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

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

**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.*