

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

## PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father:  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:  
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 teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, .....

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20

**A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.**  
If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 118:1-2.4-5.17-18.33-34

**R. They are happy who follow God's law!**

1. They are happy whose life is blameless,  
who follow God's law!  
They are happy those who do his will,  
seeking him with all their hearts. (R)

2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.  
May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes.

(R)



3. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.  
Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law.

(R)

4. Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end.  
Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart.

(R)

## SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 2: 6 - 10

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

**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 Matthew 5:20-22.27-28.33-34.37 (Shorter form)

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew**  
Jesus said to his disciples: 'I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court;

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

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

## THE 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

Pray brothers and sisters, .....

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at  
your hands for the praise and glory of  
his name, for our good and the good of  
all his holy Church.

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this oblation, O Lord, we pray,  
cleanse and renew us and may it  
become for those who do your will the  
source of eternal reward.  
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

**God so loved the world that he gave  
his Only Begotten Son, so that all  
who believe in him may not perish,  
but may have eternal life.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having fed upon these heavenly  
delights, we pray, O Lord, that we may  
always long for  
that food by which  
we truly live.  
Through Christ  
our Lord.



## focus on sunday

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 12th February 2017

The gospel of Christ will often force difficult decisions in our lives. The gospel offers a fullness of life which in turn offers us joy and a meaning of life which promises a hope and love that is eternal.



Virtue is to go deep: that is the message of Jesus today. It comes not from scribes, Pharisees and other teachers but from Jesus.

This is something about sincerity; we hope that we practise what we preach or walk it as we talk it. Every religion runs the risk of its demands and its visions not being lived out in practice. That is also part of being human.

## WORD OF LIFE

The way we deal with that is by focussing not on a book of rules, but on the Word of Life. Nothing is as great as spiritual integrity. We find the true way of religion in following the words, the way and the heart of Jesus.

Firstly it is the way of mercy and compassion. The place where compassion 'lives' is in the deepest part of ourselves. The life and love of Jesus for his people will deepen the compassion in our hearts. This essence of religion is deepened with prayer and with listening to others.

Then virtue goes deeper, then rules and the way of living the Christian life make sense.

This is the background to the challenge to leave worship if we are at odds with a brother or sister. Maybe not to be taken literally, but a challenge to unite the love of God and the love of others in my heart.

Maybe this week we might notice the calls in our ordinary relationships to think compassionately and show compassion. This is the centre and ground of our Christian faith; it is the centre of the life of Christ.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger.

## St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield



Sixth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
12<sup>th</sup> February 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 11<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm

Veronica Okeke Anniversary

Boniface Omesuh Anniversary

Josie Moldoon Anniversary

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am

Janet Delaney 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

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

Bridie Dwyer 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Jim Pimley Months Mind

Noel Colman 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

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*Your prayers are also requested for the happy repose of the soul of Fr. Tom Colreavy recently deceased.*

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Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am

Fr. Tom Colreavy Rec. deceased

*May they rest in peace*

### Accord Collection

The Annual Collection for ACCORD, The Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all masses next weekend 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. The collection for ACCORD will replace the usual Share Collection.

### Week of prayer for Christian Unity:

18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> February

### 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.



### Ayrfield United Coffee Weekend



Ayrfield United are hosting a Coffee/Tea weekend after all the masses this weekend in the Pastoral Centre.

A Raffle will be held and all proceeds will go towards the pitch development and Dressing Room Fund.

### St. Paul's Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Travelling as part of The Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage. 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017.  
Staying in the Agina Hotel. Cost € 719  
Deposit €200 required, non refundable.  
Bookings and enquiries to Fr. Paddy 086 1011415

### Central Remedial Clinic

Parents Association are having their  
Annual Exhibition of Paintings

in the C.R.C. Vernon Avenue, Clontarf on

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 11 am – 6pm &

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb, 11 am – 5 pm

*Admission is Free*

Proceeds for: Summer Project, School Events, Droichead Club & Day Activities Centres

## Fr. Tom Colreavy R.I.P.

28<sup>th</sup> December 1937 – 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017

### A word of Thanks.

On Monday last, we had one of the most momentous occasions the parish has ever witnessed, the funeral of Fr. Tom Colreavy, former Parish Priest, pastor, friend and confident.

People came from far and near to be here. The funeral Mass was too special for words. Fr. Tom went home to God in a place far away, a place that he loved. Because of the circumstances, we had more time than usual to prepare for the funeral.

The response of the parish was tremendous. Of course, there were tears, lots of tears, sadness, grief and sorrow for someone who had been such a force for good for nearly twenty years in this parish. Then there was the generosity and the goodwill of all as - the church was cleaned, the booklet prepared, the sacred vessels were polished, the music was practiced, the grounds were manicured and sweep, the schools prepared choirs and guards of honour. Food of all kinds came from every direction. Groups were formed to take care of different aspects of the very special event. St. Paul's Ayrfield came together as only this parish can.

On the day, the crowd was tremendous, people from all corners of the globe. The requiem Mass was truly a wonderful, spiritual and emotional experience. Fr. Tom was prayed for, his life celebrated and thanks was given for his life, his unique life, lived to the full and dedicated to the service of God and his neighbour.

This morning we express our deepest gratitude and sincere thanks to the many, many people who so generously and unselfishly and with such good humour, gave of their time and much more, to make the Mass so special, particularly for Fr. Tom's family. It was a fitting tribute to a man who himself gave so generously to this parish for so many years.

Thank you.

Fr. Paddy, Fr. Gerry



**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.*