

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. 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

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Leviticus 19: 1 - 2, 17 - 18*A reading from the book of *Leviticus*

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy. "You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps. 102*

R. The Lord is compassion and love.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R)
3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (R)
4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R)

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 3:16 - 23*A reading from *St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians*

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it; if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts; he knows how useless they are; or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollon, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 5: 38-48*

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew
Jesus said to his disciples:

"You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

"You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for



focus on sunday

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19th February 2017

It is hard to forgive and forget, but Jesus asks us to go one step further: we must love those who offend us - be forgiving and tolerant of our enemies. If we strive to achieve this Jesus favours us with his compassion and love.

your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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, 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 sin 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

As we celebrate your mysteries, O Lord, with the observance that is your due, we humbly ask you, that what we offer to the honour of your majesty may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

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



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The Lord is compassion
and love.



A rather homely image for God's generous love. The sun shines and the rain pours on everyone. God offers love to us all. Maybe we can notice this week how open we are to this love?

God's love can be found in the cry of your grandchild, the smile of your child, the care of a friend. It is like the ordinary sunshine. Other times it's like a heatwave and you really believe you are loved. Somewhere deep within is the conviction that I am loved. As the poet Raymond Carver states: And what did you want? To call myself beloved, to feel myself beloved on the earth.

This love is as close to us as the sun or rain on the skin.

We may find it in other ways – the times I really reach out to someone who is suffering; or I notice the tremendous efforts for peace, justice and reconciliation being made by known or unknown people often at great risks to themselves.

The second word is that our love is to be something similar – offered not only when it is returned. Often it is hard to offer love again. We don't want to risk being hurt again. This is only human. When we feel like this, we can always pray for a person. The prayer will go with a blessing to another and also with a blessing to ourselves.

This is the gospel of the open heart of God to all; shared in the open heart and open hands of God's people to share his kingdom on earth. Lord, may your kingdom come in our small corners of the world.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger.

St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield



Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time
19th 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 18th 6:00 pm

Hugh Keenan 6th Anniversary

Mark Valente Months Mind

Bernard Rose Remembrance

Michael Keyes 6th Anniversary

Sunday 19th 12:00 noon

Frank & Evelyn Pettigrew
Anniversary

Kathleen & James Delaney
Anniversary

Monday 20th 10:00 am

Yvonne Keogh Anniversary

Tuesday 21st 10:00 am

For the intentions of
Neighbours & Friends who supported
the Delaney Family on the Recent
Death of their Son Peter

Thursday 23rd 10:00 am

Deceased members of the Carr Family
May they rest in peace

Week of prayer for Christian Unity:

18th – 25th February

Ayrfield United would like to thank everyone involved and who supported them in their fundraising last weekend. €450 was raised. Your generosity is much appreciated.

26th Devine Mercy Conference

Takes place on the 24th, 25th & 26th Feb in the Main Hall, RDS, Ballsbridge. See our Notice board for more detail.



Baptism Preparation night for parents and godparents of children who will be baptised during the month of March, will take place on **Tuesday 21st at 7:00 pm** in the Pastoral Centre.

St. Paul's Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes

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



Accord Collection

The Annual Collection for ACCORD, The Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be made at all masses **this Weekend.**

The collection for **ACCORD** will replace the usual *Share* Collection.

Accord Dublin throughout the diocese offers:

- Marriage Preparation Courses
- Counselling for couples and individuals experiencing difficulties in their relationships
- A Relationship and Sexuality Programme in schools

ACCORD Dublin needs your support – PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY



You Shall Be My Witness

You Shall Be My Witness is the Parish Preparation Programme for Confirmation which will be commencing on Monday 20th February for all children being Confirmed this year.

For those of you who have volunteered to be Leaders in the programme we say a big thank you. This programme will give you the opportunity to get more actively involved with your child's preparation for Confirmation.

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

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

We are looking forward to seeing you all again, and remember you will get much more from this than you will ever give!

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

Lenten Talks:

During Lent, there will be a 'Ten Minute Talk', **every Wednesday** at 10:00 Mass:

March 1st: Ash Wednesday: **Prayer, Penance, Almsgiving** – Fr. Paddy Boyle

March 8th: 'A humbled contrite heart, O God, you will not spurn.'
The Sacrament of reconciliation - Fr. Gerry Corcoran

March 15th: 'Can you drink the chalice that I am going to drink?'
Sharing in the mission of Jesus - Fr. Donal Neary SJ

March 22nd: 'Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.'
Prayer and the Christian Life – Deacon Gerard Reilly

March 29th: 'The Lord is gracious and merciful'.
How do we show the kindness of the Lord? – Sr. Kitty Ellard

April 5th: "If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples"
Where do we find the Word of God? – Fr. Donal Neary SJ

April 12th: "You were led to your crucifixion like a gentle lamb to the slaughter"
Death and Resurrection – Fr. Paddy Boyle

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.*