

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

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..... Amen.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Genesis 12: 1 - 4

A reading from the Book of Genesis

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.



The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 32: 4-5.18 - 20.22

R. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

- The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. [R]
- The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. [R]
- Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield.

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. [R]

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 1:8-10

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Timothy

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL Matthew 17: 1-9

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah. He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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



focus on sunday

The gospel presents the glory of Christ, the One in whom we can always hope, the One who takes our sadnesses and despair into his own heart, and gives us through his death and resurrection the promise of eternal hope.



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

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 sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities. Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

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

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God, Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord, with a blessing that endures for ever, and keep them faithful to the Gospel of your Only Begotten Son, so that they may always desire and at last attain that glory whose beauty he showed in his own Body, to the amazement of his Apostles. Through Christ our Lord.



Today's mountain walk was a huge experience for the three who would always be with him. They saw Jesus in his glory. Somehow they knew the real identity of Jesus - beloved son of the Father: more to him than meets the eye.

We climb a mountain and we see new views. We see the village, town or city from a new vantage point. Beauty we never saw before. We need times to climb mountains and get away from the ordinary. Lent is a time like that - as we give something up, we take something on.

EVERY TIME I PRAY

Like Jesus, we need places where we hear the words - you are my son, daughter, and the beloved. We know too that if we believe that, our lives will be challenged. Whenever we climb the mountain of the Lord - make any journey with him, we are changed. As every mountain is different, every moment with the Lord is well worthwhile! Someone said, 'Every time I pray I think of ... and I know I must be kinder!

About the effect of prayer and meeting Jesus, Pope Francis says: "We now return home with a good seed: the seed of the Word of God," he said. "The Lord will send rain and that seed will grow. It will grow and it will bear fruit. We thank the Lord for the seed and for the rain that he will send us, but we also want to thank the sower because you were the sower and you know how to do it." (Lent 2013).

Donal Neary SJ, editor Sacred Heart Messenger

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St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield



Second Sunday
of Lent
12th March 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 11th 6:00 pm

Fr. Tom Colreavy Months Mind
Regina Ugezu Anniversary
Mary O'Sullivan Anniversary
& Deceased members of the
O'Sullivan Family

Stella Mullaney Anniversary

Sunday 12th 10:30am

James Treacy Anniversary

Sunday 12th 12:00 noon

Kathleen Redmond Anniversary

Your prayers are requested for
Sean Eaton recently deceased

Monday 13th 10:00am

Seán Malone & Maureen Duffy
Anniversaries

Monday 13th 7:30pm

Mass for the Holy Souls

Tuesday 14th 10:00am

Fr. Tom Colreavy Rec. deceased

Wednesday 15th 10:00am

Patricia Matthews Birthday Rem.

Thursday 16th 10:00am

Special Intention for McGuinley &
Hurley Families, especially Jennifer.

Thursday 16th 7:30pm

Patrick & Liam Byrne Remembrance.

Friday 17th 10:00am

Sheila Byrne Anniversary

Con Ryan Anniversary

John Byrne & Catherine Carolin

Birthday Remembrances

May they rest in peace

Eucharistic Adoration

is cancelled for Monday night 13th March.

Friday 17th is the Feast of St. Patrick,
Bishop, principal patron of Ireland.
Vigil Mass at 7:30pm on Thursday



You Shall Be My Witness the
Parish Preparation Programme for
Confirmation will be continuing
this **Monday 13th March 8pm – 9pm** for all
children being Confirmed this year.

Lenten Talks

Continue every Wednesday at 10am Mass
March 15th: 'Can you drink the chalice that I
am going to drink?' **Sharing in the mission of
Jesus** - Fr. Donal Neary SJ
See our notice board for more details.

Devine Mercy Pilgrimage in Knock

A coach for the Divine Mercy
Pilgrimage in Knock is being
organised for **Sunday 23rd April**.
The Seats are €25 each and the
bus will depart at 8am sharp.
See our notice board for more details.



**Make-A-Wish Ireland
Annual Wish Day
– VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Make-A-Wish® Ireland has one simple aim – we
grant the wishes of children aged between 3 and
17 years living with life-threatening medical
conditions to enrich the human experience with
hope, strength and joy and create extraordinary
memories for them and their families.

**Volunteer are needed for WISH DAY, our annual
fundraising day, on Friday 31st March 2017.**
See our notice board for more details.

St. Vincent De Paul The Society will be taking up their
monthly collection after all Masses **this** weekend

Crosscare – Youth Services Collection
will be taken up **next** weekend.

Thought for the day: 'Lord, it is good for us to be here' Life changing event

We have all of, at least once, experience a life changing event. Something happened that had a profound and lasting effect on us. An event, after which, life would never be the same. Some of these events I refer, to were planned and welcome, some were not. While the events in themselves were momentous, what we do as a result and how they effected and indeed still affect us has become part of who we are and how we define ourselves to a greater or lesser degree.

The three apostles had such an event as described in today's Gospel. They saw Jesus in an incredibly new light. He was the same Jesus but never as they had known Him. For just one moment as the poem says: **Just living glory full of truth and grace. The Love that dances at the heart of things, shone out upon us from a human face.**

That was the face of Jesus and that moment never left them. They carried it with them till the day they died.

Prayer: Stay with me Lord, be my rock of refuge and my fortress.



2017 St. Patrick's Day Sponsored Swim



A reminder that preparation for the 2017 St. Patrick's Day sponsored swim, at 12 noon at Portmarnock Strand are underway. **The swim this year will also be held in fond memory of Fr. Tom Colreavy R.I.P., who encouraged everyone and participated each year.** Last year €7,500 was raised and all funds went to the Julie Wren, Children's Cancer Support Centre, of Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin. The Cancer Support Centre has a hugely positive and powerful effect on the lives and recovery of so many sick children through the Complimentary Therapy Room at Crumlin Children's hospital. They also finance palliative care to parents, who wish their child to spend their last moments in the comfort of their own home. Your generous action will help to support their seriously ill children, by providing critical and urgent services, which will transform the lives of children battling with cancer and recovering from serious illness.

Sponsorship Cards are available from **Shay O'Reilly - 8482068, Irene Killeen – 8479629, Margaret Maher – 8472251** or can be collected from the Parish office & Sacristy.

Ayrwaves

Closing date for submission of articles, advertisements, etc. for the Spring edition, which will also include special articles on the Late Fr. Tom Colreavy is **Wednesday 15th March.**

Email: ayrwaves@gmail.com or contact the parish office on **8160984.**

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.