

## St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield



Easter Day of The  
Lord's Resurrection  
16<sup>th</sup> April 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 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00 pm

**Veronica Okeke**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

**Sharon O'Callaghan**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am

**Jim Daly**  
1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**Frances Daly**  
Anniversary

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 12:00 pm

**Paul & Richard McMahon**  
Anniversary

**Liam Lynch**  
Anniversary

**Margo Traynor**  
10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Monty Lonergan**  
Months Mind

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*Your prayers are also requested for the happy repose of the soul of*

**Walter Redmond**  
*recently deceased.*

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*May they rest in peace*

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup>** is a Bank Holiday.

There will be **no**  
Morning Mass or evening Mass.

**Eucharistic Adoration** is **cancelled** next week on Monday and Wednesday.

**Outdoor Collections** will be taken up on Tuesday evening, due to the bank holiday weekend.

### Divine Mercy Novena

The Novena which commenced on Good Friday will continue until Divine Mercy Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April.



### 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

### Ayrwaves

The Spring edition of Ayrwaves, our parish newsletter, has been circulated throughout the Parish. Included in this edition is the Easter Dues envelope and a special booklet to celebrate the life of Fr. Tom Colreavy. Extra copies are available in the church stands. We thank all those who helped collate and deliver this edition.

### Thought for the Day

*This is the day the Lord has made;  
Let us rejoice and be glad.*

Easter Sunday was quite a red-letter day in the annals of the town (Pas de Calais, France). The regiment turned out in full strength, headed by the pipers, and crowded the sanctuary, every inch of the church, and out beyond. I had eight stalwart sergeants standing guard with fixed bayonets round the altar. At the Consecration and also at the Communion of the Mass the buglers sounded the Royal Salute which is only given to Monarchs. The guard at the word of command presented arms, and in our poor humble way we tried to do honour to the Almighty King of Kings on the day of His glorious triumph. I must not forget to add that the lassies and maidens did us the honour of coming to sing during Mass, casting many an envious glance (so rumour says) down on the handsome Irish lads praying so devoutly below.

- Fr. Willie Doyle, Easter Sunday 1917

Prayer: **The Lord is truly risen, let us rejoice and be glad,  
Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Trócaire** By supporting Trócaire at Lent, you help ensure that families in developing countries can earn an income and have enough to eat, you help communities rebuild their lives after disasters and conflict, and you defend the rights of people under threat. **Trócaire Boxes** are available on the stands in the church and can be returned to the Parish Office or Sacristy.

### Thank You

Sincere Thanks to everyone who was involved in the preparation and participation of the ceremonies for Holy Week and Easter ceremonies and all who prepared the church.

*"We pray that this Easter, the Risen Christ will give us a quiet joy and a deep sense of peace. May that joy, peace and hope be with all our parishioners this Easter."*

**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.*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.  
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.  
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:  
Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.  
You bring light to those in darkness:  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life. 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 on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING Acts 10:34, 37-43.**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.**  
Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from

the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps.117:1-2.16-17.22-23**

**R. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.' (R)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up,  
I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. (R)
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R)

**SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-4**

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

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our passover has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL John 20: 1-9**

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

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said, 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb; saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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

**focus on sunday**

**A day of hope: of flowers and candles, new colour and new light. A day of smiles and of friendship, new joy and new companionship in Christ. A day of hope for those who suffer and who are sad. A day which promises the victory of God's love over sin and death.**



**RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES**

Dear brothers and sisters, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life.

And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. And so I ask you:

P. Do you renounce Satan? C. I do.

P. And all his works? C. I do.

P. And all his empty show? C. I do.

P. Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth? C. I do.

P. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, Our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father? C. I do.

P. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting? C. I do.

P. And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life. Amen.

**The priest may sprinkle the people with the blessed water, while all sing:**  
**I saw water flowing from the Temple, from its right-hand side, alleluia; and all to whom this water came were saved and shall say: Alleluia, alleluia.**

**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**

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer the sacrifice by which your Church is wondrously reborn and nourished. Through Christ our Lord.

**AFTER THE CONSECRATION**

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



It was a quiet time at the tomb on the first day of the week. Joy had not yet caught the followers. The women were back to anoint the body, to ensure reverence for their dead Lord. Our Easter Sunday morning is full of the joy that would soon be theirs: There were no Alleluias or candles around the tomb. Not yet. That would come later, and the first images of the risen Lord would be Jesus in risen glory on the cross. They would never forget Calvary!

They did not see him being raised. Nobody there when the Lord left the tomb. All that was left were the clothes. Now his clothing would be different. The clothes were left for us: we are now to be clothed in Christ! His linen cloth is a gift to each of us, highlighted by our baptismal robe.

They would see him, and take time to recognise him. Each of the apostles saw him in different ways. They heard him say: 'Go and tell the others that I am raised from death'.

That is our mission too. In baptism and in our following of Christ we are ministers of the resurrection. The first witnesses and preachers of the risen Lord were the women. Mary in the Easter gospel is appointed as a guide to the male apostles; with Peter she is to be a leader in the community.

While the mystery of Easter gives us hope at the time of our death, it gives us a mission all during our lives. 'Go, tell everyone, the news that the kingdom of God has come! Can we say 'Alleluia' to that? Lord, may I be a minister of your resurrection, a sharer of your love, compassion and reconciliation in our world.

*Donal Neary SJ, Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger.*