

**St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**  
 23<sup>rd</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 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:00 pm

**Joe Greaney**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**Maureen Woodroffe**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary  
 & Deceased members of the  
 Woodroffe Family

**Sean Eaton**  
 Months Mind

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

**Peter Kavanagh**  
 Anniversary

**Eileen Brown**  
 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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

**Eddie Buckley**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

**May & Paddy Keogh**  
 Anniversary

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am

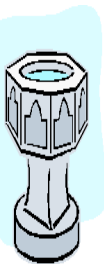
**Christopher Cooling**  
 Anniversary

*May they rest in peace*

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>** is the  
 Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>** is the  
 Feast of St. Catherine of Siena,  
 Doctor of the Church

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
 is **cancelled** on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>, to  
 allow for practice for First Holy  
 Communion.



**Baptism Preparation** night  
 for parents and godparents of  
 children who will be baptised  
 during the month of May, will  
 take place on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**April at 7:00 pm** in the  
 Pastoral Centre.

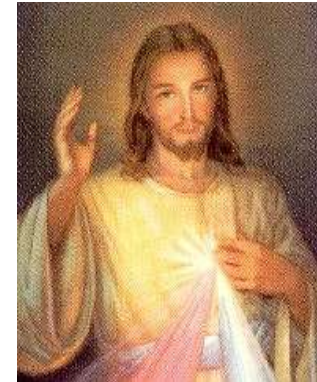
**The Advocate Collection** for the  
 Sunshine Fund amounted to €450.  
 Many thanks for your generosity.



**Trócaire Boxes** can be returned to  
 the Parish Office or Sacristy.

**Divine Mercy Novena**

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



**Thought for the Day**

*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting*

“In a world that is so filled with turmoil and suffering, we need to experience God’s mercy in our everyday lives and bring that mercy to others. God never stops or goes a halfway in showing Mercy to His children and he calls us to do the same.

*(Pope Francis, The Holy Year of Mercy: A faith sharing Guide, p 8).*

**Prayer: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy**

**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

**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**

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:  
 Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*  
 Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:  
 Christ, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.*  
 Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood:  
 Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*  
 May almighty God have mercy on us.....

**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.



**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING Acts 2:42 - 47**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.**  
 The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple everyday but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps117: 2-4.13-15.22-24**

**R. 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.'  
 Let the sons of Aaron say:  
 'His love has no end.'  
 Let those who fear the Lord say:  
 'His love has no end.'
- I was thrust, thrust down and falling



but the Lord was my helper.  
 The Lord is my strength and my song;  
 he was my saviour.  
 There are shouts of joy and victory  
 in the tents of the just. [R]



- The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.  
 This is the work of the Lord,  
 a marvel in our eyes.  
 This day was made by the Lord;  
 we rejoice and are glad. [R]

**SECOND READING 1 Peter 1: 3 - 9**

**A reading from the first letter of Peter.**

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold - only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire - and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'** Alleluia!

**GOSPEL John 20:19-31**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.**  
 In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.  
 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
 For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them.



Easter for Thomas was a rediscovery of his faith in Jesus. The risen power of the Lord is the basis for his people's faith.

The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:  
 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

**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**

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.

**AFTER THE CONSECRATION**

**The mystery of faith.**  
 When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.



Peace  
 be  
 with  
 You



Thomas left the community of the apostles and Mary, feeling let down, a bit down in himself. Jesus didn't go chasing him, but gave him time. He came back after a while. I wonder what brought him back.

**THE THIRD FACE**

The divine face is the third face in every marriage picture, in every friendship and love. Even when I love myself sincerely and honestly I find God's closeness.  
 Love is the personal gospel. Love is to be happy to believe even though we have not seen.

Why did Thomas come back? I think love brought him back - of Jesus and the community. Knowing that the love he had with Jesus did not fail. Even when he returned his faith was deeper than the touch, for it never says that he touched the wounds of Jesus. He saw and like the others, he believed. They saw an empty tomb, and he saw the wounds.

For just when we find love let's believe: Happy are they who have loved for they have seen what faith cannot see, and then they find faith.

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