



St. Paul's Parish Ayrfield
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - B
11th February 2018

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Pastors Desk

The scripture readings at daily mass have been full of stories of Jesus healing people, restoring them to health or casting out Devils.

In our first reading we have an account from the Book of Leviticus of the Man who is leprous. For fear that he will spread the disease to others, he is ostracised from society and forced to live a life in isolation from his family and his community.

We have a similar story in today's Gospel, except this man came to Jesus and pleaded to be cured. Jesus is moved by the man's condition and stretches out his hand, touches him and he is well again. Normally a healthy person didn't touch someone with leprosy because it usually meant that they become infected too so for Jesus to physically touch him was very significant. The man is cured instantly and is told to go away and tell no one what has happened. Naturally, the man is so happy to be well again that he can't contain himself and begins to tell his story everywhere.

We all need healing of one sort or another in our lives. It may be a physical healing from some painful condition we endure daily, healing of the mind, or of the spirit. We may have become isolated from family, friends or society by choices we have made or directions we have taken in life. Sometimes however, it's not always evident to us that we need to be relieved of whatever it is that's preventing us from living a better and more fruitful life.

May our hearts always be touched so that we too reach out our hand to the broken and alienated among us.

Fr. Gerry

Mass Times

- Saturday : 6 pm Vigil**
- Sundays : 10:30 am & 12:30 pm**
- Weekdays : Mon, Wed, Thu & Fri. 10 am**
- Service of Word : Tuesday 10 am**

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You Shall Be My Witnesses – Confirmation 2018



On Saturday at the 6pm mass, we welcome the children who are preparing for their Confirmation. The families have been invited to a special enrolment ceremony.

You Shall Be My Witness

You Shall Be My Witness is the Parish Preparation Programme for Confirmation which will be commencing on Monday 12th 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 12th February 2018 8 pm - 9 pm**
- **Monday 19th February 2018 8 pm - 9 pm**
- **Monday 26th March 2018 8 pm - 9 pm**
- **Monday 5th March 8 pm - 9 pm**

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 Lee Redmond who is co-ordinating this programme. If you have any queries regarding the programme you may contact Lee at 086 159 8294.



The Annual Collection for ACCORD the Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family, will be taken up at all Masses next weekend, the **17th & 18th February 2018**.

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 ON 17th & 18th FEBRUARY

Spring Edition of Ayrwaves

Closing date for submission of articles, advertisements, etc. for the next edition of Ayrwaves is **Friday 23rd Feb.** Email: ayrwaves@gmail.com or contact the parish office on **01- 8160984**.

World Day Of The Sick 2018

The 26th anniversary celebrations of World Day of the Sick will take place on **Sunday 11th February 2018**. The **Mass of Healing and Anointing of the Sick** will be celebrated at St Agnes' Parish Church, Crumlin, Dublin 12 on Sunday 11th February at 3.00pm. Main Celebrant: Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. All are welcome. Telephone: 01 455 5368. Email: karenstaynes@gmail.com



St John Vianney's Bicentenary

Tuesday, 13th February is the 200th Anniversary of St. John Vianney, the Curé of Ars, going to the small parish of Ars, France, which he transformed and which became a centre of worldwide pilgrimage.

The Curé of Ars is the Patron of Confessions and of Priests. To mark this occasion the Parish of **St. John Vianney, Ardlea Road, Artane will be having a special Mass at 10 am on Tuesday 13th February** celebrated by the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Jude Okolo. There will also be **Evening Prayer and Benediction at 7.30 pm on 13th February**. There will be Veneration of the Relics and Confession after each service.

Trócaire and Lent 2018

This is the 45th year of the Trócaire Lenten Campaign. **Trócaire Boxes** are available on the stands at both doors of the church.

Season of Lent 2018

Ash Wednesday 14th February to Easter Monday 2nd April.

Lent is a time for us to review our lives and to prepare to commemorate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Saviour JESUS CHRIST.

To assist us in our journey through Lent, the Archdiocese of Dublin commissioned a Lenten Calendar (in scratch card form) which, for each day, a quotation from the readings of the day reveals to us a personal challenge. There is a scripture quotation or suggested task for each day. You simply scratch off the date to find out what it is.

Inspired by the Gospel of Ash Wednesday, we are invited to GIVE, PRAY and FAST.

From Ash Wednesday onwards, copies of the Calendar will be available at the church doors.

God so loved the world: the readings of Lent for prayer and preaching.

For six Wednesdays of Lent, starting on Ash Wednesday in St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral from 11.15am to 12.30pm. Mass will be available at 10.30am and 12.45pm.

Presenter: Kieran O'Mahony, OSA.

*We remember at Mass and
in our prayers those who have
gone before us*



Saturday 10th	<i>(Vigil Mass)</i>	6:00 pm
Ann-Marie Rooney		3rd Anniversary
Mick & Julia Roche		Anniversary
Sunday 11th		10:30 am
Pat & Madge Buggle		Anniversary
David & Sheila White		Anniversary
Aidan Dardis		Anniversary
Sunday 11th		12:30 pm
Pat Malone		Months Mind
Tuesday 13th		10:00 am
Kathleen Fitzsimons		Anniversary
Wednesday 14th		10:00 am
Keith Fitzsimons		Birthday Remembrance

May they rest in peace

Do This In Memory

At the 12:30pm Family Mass this Sunday, we welcome the children who are preparing for First Holy Communion and their parents & guardians.



Wednesday 1st March is Ash Wednesday.

Blessed ashes will be distributed during 10am mass.

Holy Land Pilgrimage 2018 Follow the footsteps of Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem. Take the trip of a lifetime to the Holy Land, June 6th-16th 2018. Group Leader Mícheál de Barra and Spiritual Director Fr. John Newman (Bible Scholar). In association with Premier Travel, Cork. Contact Mícheál at 0868337681 or email culturaltoursireland@gmail.com



Irish Cancer Society operates a free transport service for patients attending hospital for chemotherapy treatment.

Volunteer drivers pick the patient up at the door of their home, drop them at the hospital door. Then when finished treatment, will pick them up and drop them home. Volunteer expenses are paid. Patients wishing to avail of this free service should contact their healthcare professional, visit the Society's website at www.cancer.ie or contact the Irish Cancer Society for more information on 01 2310 522.

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.*